

Senator Harriette L. Chandler's Biography - 2021

Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester) represents the First Worcester District and currently serves as the Massachusetts Senate President Emerita. She previously served as the Senate President from 2017 to 2018. She began her political career in 1991, serving on Worcester School Committee. In 2000 she was the first Worcester woman elected to the Massachusetts State Senate.

On Beacon Hill, Senator Chandler has fought to expand access to healthcare services and for the rights of those experiencing homelessness. She has worked to pass policies that support children and families across the Commonwealth, and is a passionate advocate for women's rights and reproductive justice.

Senator Chandler holds degrees from Wellesley College (B.A.), Simmons College Graduate School of Management (M.B.A.), and Clark University (Ph.D.). She holds honorary degrees from Worcester State College, Honorary Doctorate of Public Administration '88 and Clark University, Honorary Doctor of Laws '16. She is married to Worcester attorney Burton Chandler and has three adult children and four beloved grandchildren.