

**THOMAS A. GOLDEN, JR.**

**Biography**

**University of Massachusetts Lowell - M.B.A., Dec. 2001**

**University of Massachusetts Lowell – B/S Business Administration, Dec. 1993**

**Massachusetts Licensed Realtor**

**Massachusetts Licensed Auctioneer**

Tom currently serves as State Representative for the 16<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District which includes Lowell and Chelmsford. Throughout his career at the State House, Tom has served on a number of committees, including Banks & Banking; Community Development & Small Business; Election Laws; Healthcare; Public Safety; Revenue; Steering, Policy, & Scheduling; and Chair of the House Committee on Bills in the Third Reading. In February 2015 he was appointed as the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, & Energy.

During his tenure as Chairman, Tom successfully passed comprehensive solar reform legislation designed to increase solar PV deployment in the Commonwealth while containing costs to make solar more affordable for all. He also worked with his colleagues on the Joint Committee to push *An Act Relative to Energy Diversity* to its final passage. The bill, which Governor Baker signed into law on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, will establish the framework for the largest procurement of renewable energy in the history of the Commonwealth. As Chairman, Tom will continue to seek bold legislative steps in order to diversify our energy portfolio, lower costs for consumers, and lead the Commonwealth and the nation into the green energy economy.

As a State Representative, Tom has worked on a number of significant projects that have helped revitalize the Greater Lowell Area, such as the Bellegarde Boat House/Rourke Boat Ramp, the UMass Lowell Student Recreation Center, the UMass Lowell Emerging Technologies and Innovation Center, and the Route 3 expansion. He also helped recapitalize a \$15 million fund to clean up 27 Katrina Road in Chelmsford.

Tom and the Lowell delegation have worked tirelessly for a decade plus to see the Lowell Judicial Center become a reality. They successfully petitioned Governor Baker for state funds for the project, which began construction in September 2016.

Tom is a strong advocate for individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues. He has filed legislation to achieve parity for providing coverage of expenses for mental health and substance abuse treatments similar to all other medical conditions. He supports raising awareness in the community regarding the dangers of opioid addiction. Tom also pushed for state funding to reopen the formerly closed Tewksbury Detox Center and secured funding for the Greater Lowell Health Alliance to provide opiate and substance abuse services.

Tom continues to work in conjunction with the House Committee on Education and Joint Committee on Ways & Means to elevate Local Aid and Chapter 70 funding to the communities he represents.

On a community level, Tom serves as the Chair of the Merrimack Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau and is on the Board with the D'Youville Foundation. He is a partner of a property management company and also works in real estate investment sales in Merrimack Valley. Further, Tom is a licensed auctioneer and donates his auctioneering skills to charity events.

Tom has been a life-long resident of and Lowell and resides in Centralville with his wife Joane and daughters Abby and Lilly.