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## Three of six U.S. Senate candidates to speak in Framingham Sunday

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With less than a month remaining before the primary to replace the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy in the US Senate, three of the six candidates running will speak at a public breakfast-time meeting in Framingham Sunday.

Of the three candidates who said they will be unable to attend, two will send a representative to speak in their absence, and the other candidate was hopeful to do the same as of Thursday evening, according to event organizers.

Democratic candidate U.S. Congressman Michael E. Capuano and Republican candidates State Senator Scott P. Brown and attorney Jack E. Robinson, have accepted invitations to the breakfast hosted by the Temple Beth Am Brotherhood, said the group's programming organizer John Clayman.

Meanwhile, Democratic candidate state Attorney General Martha Coakley will send State Senator Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) in her place, and Democratic candidate and businessman Stephen Pagliuca will send his field director Matt O'Malley as a substitute.

As of Thursday evening, Democratic candidate and entrepreneur Alan Khazei told the meeting's organizers that he hoped to send someone in his place, but had not confirmed whether someone would be there to represent him, Clayman said.

The meeting will be open to the public to attend. Candidates will each have 10 minutes to speak at a podium "to present themselves, their platforms and whatever else they would like to say," added Clayman; but they will not field questions from guests, nor will they debate.

"It's difficult in this kind of an election to get a debate," said former board president of Temple Beth Am Brotherhood Howard Newell.

Local state representatives and town officials are also expected to attend, said Clayman.

The Brotherhood Breakfasts are held nine months out of the year from September to May, and this will not be the first time candidates campaigning for a U.S. Senate seat have attended a breakfast. In 1994, Republican candidate Mitt Romney and Democratic candidate Sen. Edward Kennedy both spoke at a breakfast, which drew around 240 people, Newell said.

Organizers are not expecting as large of a crowd, but do anticipate around 150 people.

The entire event will run from 9 to 10:45 a.m. From 9 to 9:45 a.m. a 40-foot buffet breakfast will be offered for a \$10 charge, followed by the speeches from the candidates or candidates' replacement from 9:45 until they are done.

The tentative speaker schedule is as follows: Brown will speak at 9:50 a.m., followed by Capuano at 10, then Spilka representing Coakley at 10:10, O'Malley

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for Pagliuca at 10:20, and Robinson at 10:30.

If time allows, the event's host, Rick Holmes, opinion editor for The MetroWest Daily News, will provide commentary after the speeches, Clayman said.

Those who do not want breakfast are asked to arrive at 9:45 a.m. and will be admitted for free to listen to the speeches.

Reservations to the event at Temple Beth Am on 300 Pleasant St. are recommended and can be made by calling John Clayman at 508-561-0974.

The Brotherhood is a separate nonsectarian fundraising arm of Temple Beth Am, for more information on what they do, [click here](#).

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