



Boston Election Department

October 2, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

As the local election official for the City of Boston, I request and recommend that the city hold in-person early voting for the Municipal Election to be held on November 7, 2023. I make this request in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 54, § 25B (c)(1) upon the request of the registrars of the City of Boston. That statute provides a local option to allow for in-person early voting for any Preliminary or Municipal Election.

It has been demonstrated that the combination of Vote-by-Mail and in-person early voting can increase turnout and reduce congestion on Election Day, making the act of casting a ballot and participating in democracy more accessible and manageable for both poll workers and voters.

All locations to be designated as an early voting site will be centrally located, in suitable and convenient publicly accessible buildings. In accordance with statutory requirements, the Election Department will publish notices of the early voting locations, dates, and hours at least 48 weekday hours before the early voting period begins.

Early voting hours will be set as follows (sites to be determined);

Early Voting for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election

Saturday, October 28:	11am - 7pm (9 neighborhood sites)
Sunday, October 29:	11am - 7pm (9 neighborhood sites)
Monday, October 30:	9am – 5pm (City Hall)
Tuesday, October 31:	9am – 8pm (City Hall) 12pm - 8pm (3 neighborhood sites)
Wednesday, November 1:	9am – 5pm (City Hall)
Thursday, November 2:	9am - 8pm (City Hall) 12pm - 8pm (3 neighborhood sites)
Friday, November 3:	9am - 5pm (City Hall)

The Elections Department is prepared to administer early voting on the dates listed above. I respectfully request that your Honorable Body authorize in-person early voting for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election on the dates and times listed above. Pursuant to Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022, **your body must vote to authorize in-person early voting no later than October 23, 2023**. Therefore, for the convenience of your Honorable Body, I have attached to this letter a proposed vote that would authorize in-person early voting as requested.

Sincerely,



Eneida D. Tavares
Chair, Board of Election Commissioners

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL


**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING EARLY VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023
MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

ORDERED: Pursuant to G.L. c. 54, § 25B (c)(1), and upon the recommendation and request of the local registrars, in-person early voting is hereby approved for the following dates and times:

Early Voting for the Municipal Election, November 7, 2023

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
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