



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Rules & Administration

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

April 21, 2023

Dear Councilors:

The Committee on Rules and Administration was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0809, Ordinance amending the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 2-9.2 in regard to Council District Eight.

This matter was sponsored by Councilor Kenzie Bok and referred to the committee on April 12, 2023.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0809 adds a clarification to the City Code that a special election to fill a vacancy in District 8 in 2023 shall use the precincts ratified by the Board of Election Commissioners since 2021, though the district lines shall be the existing 2012 territory (as new district lines pursuant to the 2022 redistricting process would not go into effect until the regular municipal election).

Summary of Amendments

Based on communication from the City of Boston Election Department and the Secretary of State's Office, the ordinance is amended to include a listing of all the addresses included in each sub-precinct, in order to avoid any potential confusion. Seven maps are attached to visually show the public what is considered in the district for the election. The ordinance is also reformatted to establish a new section (Section 2-9.3), rather than extending an existing section.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS IN A NEW DRAFT.**

Ed Flynn, Chair
Committee on Rules & Administration



0410A

0410

The addresses in the shaded area (0410) **WILL NOT** be participating in the upcoming Special Election for City Council District 8



0412A

Back Bay

Back Bay Fens (Includes Evans Way Park, Forsyth Park, Westland Avenue Gates)

0412

The addresses in the shaded area (0412) **WILL NOT** be participating in the upcoming Special Election for City Council District 8

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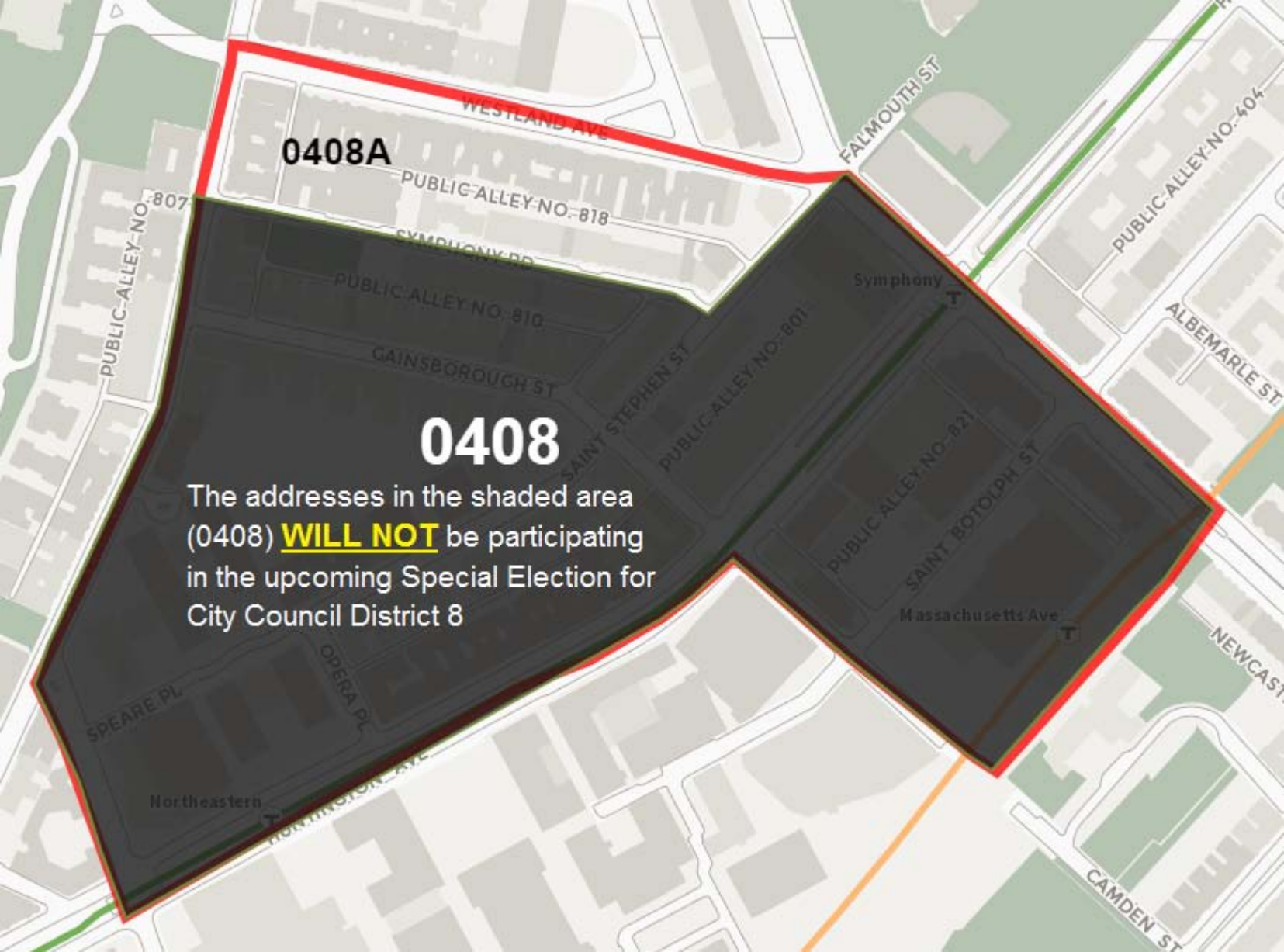
The addresses in the shaded area (0310) **WILL NOT** be participating in the upcoming Special Election for City Council District 8



0409

The addresses in the shaded area (0409) **WILL NOT** be participating in the upcoming Special Election for City Council District 8

0409A

A map of a residential neighborhood with a large area shaded in dark grey. The shaded area is bounded by Westland Ave to the north, Falmouth St to the northeast, and a red line to the east and south. The unshaded area includes streets like Westland Ave, Falmouth St, Albemarle St, and Newcastle St. The shaded area includes streets like Symphony, Gainsborough St, Saint Stephen St, Public Alley No. 801, Saint Botolph St, Massachusetts Ave, Opera Pl, and Speare Pl. Public alleys are also labeled with numbers like 807, 810, and 818. The text '0408A' is in the top left, and '0408' is in the center of the shaded area. A text block in the center explains that addresses in the shaded area will not participate in the upcoming Special Election for City Council District 8.

0408A

0408

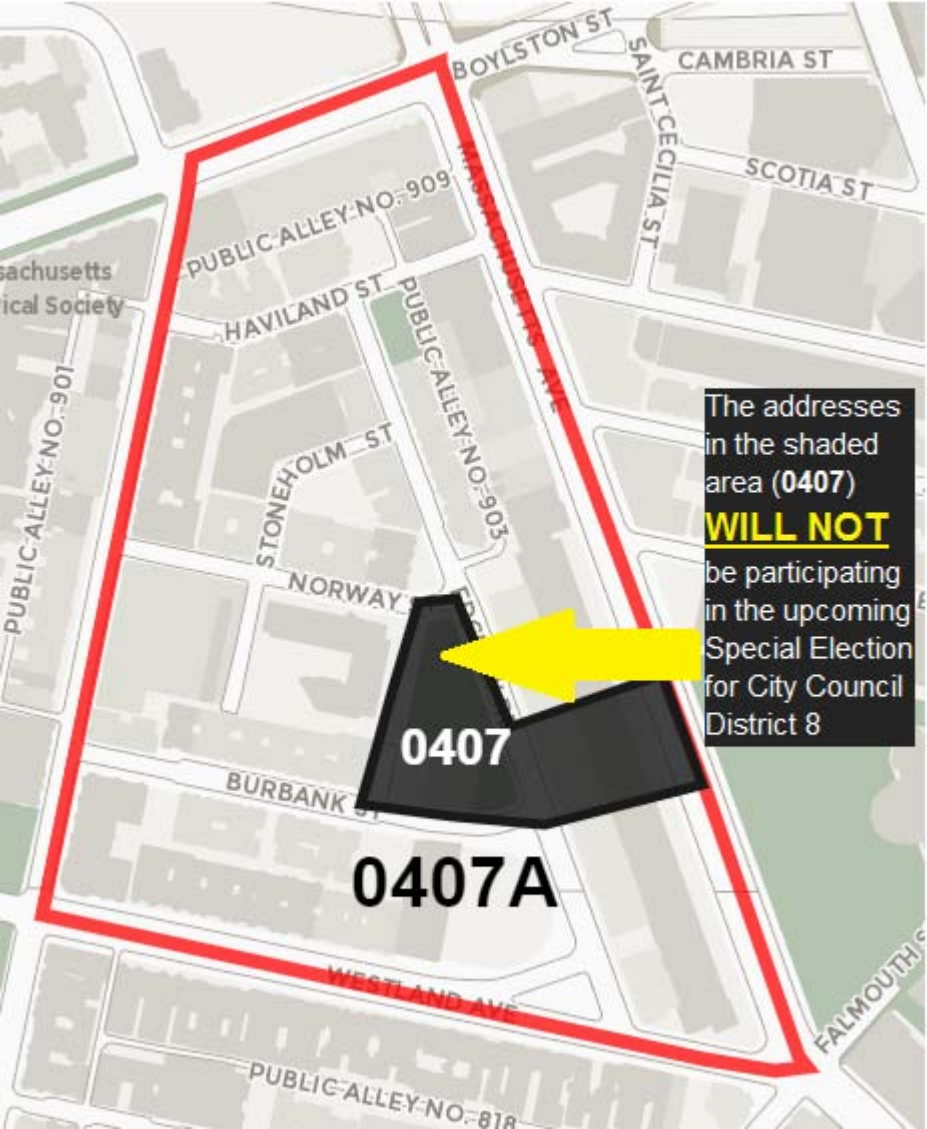
The addresses in the shaded area (0408) **WILL NOT** be participating in the upcoming Special Election for City Council District 8



0406

The addresses in the shaded area (0406) **WILL NOT** be participating in the upcoming Special Election for City Council District 8

0406A



The addresses
in the shaded
area (0407)
WILL NOT
be participating
in the upcoming
Special Election
for City Council
District 8

0407

0407A