



## **Boston Election Department**

October 7, 2024

### **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 both the September 9, 2025, Preliminary Municipal Election (presuming this body acts favorably on my separate submission related to the date of the Preliminary) and the November 4, 2025, Municipal Election. 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 early voting sites 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 September 9, 2025, Preliminary Municipal Election**

Saturday, August 30:

11 am - 7 pm (Neighborhood sites)

Sunday, August 31:	11 am - 7 pm (Neighborhood sites)
Monday, September 1:	<b>Labor Day (No in-person Early Voting)</b>
Tuesday, September 2:	9 am - 8 pm (City Hall) 12 pm - 8 pm (Neighborhood sites)
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**Early Voting for the November 4, 2025 Municipal Election**

Saturday, October 25:	11 am - 7 pm (Neighborhood sites)
Sunday, October 26:	11 am - 7 pm (Neighborhood sites)
Monday, October 27:	9 am - 5 pm (City Hall)
Tuesday, October 28:	9 am - 12 pm (City Hall) 12 pm - 8 pm (Neighborhood sites)
Wednesday, October 29:	9 am - 5 pm (City Hall)
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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 both the September 9, 2025, Preliminary Municipal Election and the November 4, 2025, 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**. 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**

**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 September 9, 2025, Preliminary Municipal Election and the November 4, 2025, Municipal Election on the following dates and times:

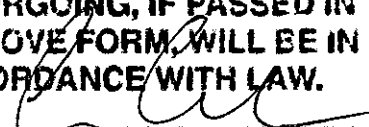
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**I HEREBY CERTIFY  
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN  
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY   
**ADAM CEDERBAUM  
CORPORATION COUNSEL**