

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

March 22, 2021

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for the approval of your Honorable Body an Order changing the date of the Preliminary Election for this Municipal Year from September 21, 2021 to September 14, 2021.

Pursuant to the City Charter, the preliminary municipal election occurs on the sixth Tuesday preceding the general election. This year, however, due to a potential expansion of vote by mail to include the fall elections, the timeframe for certifying election results and the department's requirement to hold a ballot position drawing, the original date would create a challenge for the printing and distribution of vote by mail ballots. It would, therefore, be prudent to move the preliminary election to the seventh Tuesday preceding the general election, namely, September 14.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order changing the date of the 2021 Preliminary Election as Tuesday, September 14, 2021 as soon as possible, so that voters and candidates both will be aware of the date in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Martin J Walsh

Mayor of Boston



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CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

That pursuant to G. L. C. 54 §103P, the date of the Preliminary Municipal Election in 2021 is fixed as Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN

ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

CORPORATION COUNSEL