



June 5, 2023

Members of the Programs & Services and Finance Committees:

The City Clerk respectfully requests the approval of \$250,000 in free cash to move forward with the purchase of Electronic Voting Tabulators, High-speed Tabulator and associated software and equipment. This purchase will be a welcomed update to our Elections administration. Our new tabulators will provide Newton voters with clearer, easy to use voting tabulators and more flexible ways to publish results. Acquiring a high-speed tabulator will assist the elections department with advance processing for our higher turnout elections.

The contract will be awarded to LHS Associates providing Imagecast Precinct 2 optical scan tabulators, LHS is our current elections tabulator service provider. We have been very pleased with their service and look forward to continuing working with them.

Other benefits include:

- Greater accessibility with larger screens for clearer voter feedback.
- Ability to program up to 8 different languages that a voter can choose from before submitting their ballot.
- Ballot boxes stack, which will alleviate some of our storage shortages.
- Greater security with password paired security keys to open and close the polls.
- High speed scanner can process up to 200 images per minute.
- In depth training and preparation for use in our next local elections.
- On site support for the first two local elections to ensure our elections run smoothly.

Sincerely,

Carol Moore
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council