

Newton Charter Commission

At-Large Elections History: How Frequently Does a Candidate Win City-Wide But Lose His or Her Ward?

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City Council / Board of Aldermen

- Looked at elections going back to 1993
- 22 years of data, 11 elections
- 176 at-large seats were filled
- 88 at-large races (2 seats per contest) were held
- 41 races were contested
- 9 occurrences of a candidate winning the home ward but not winning city-wide
- 5 wards were affected; Wards 1, 2, 3, and 5 were affected twice, Ward 4 once

School Committee

- Looked at elections going back to 2001
- 16 years of data, 8 elections
- 64 races were held, 64 at-large seats were filled
- 25 races were contested
- 2 occurrences of a candidate winning the home ward but not winning city-wide
- 2 wards were affected: 2 & 4

**Newton Councilor-at-Large Elections History
At-Large Candidates Who Won Their Home Ward but Lost City-Wide**

Year	Ward	Order of # of Votes Rec'd in Home Ward	City-Wide Winners
2013	5	1. Crossley	x
		2. Steele	
		3. Yates	x
2009	5	1. Brandel	
		2. Crossley	x
		3. Yates	x
2005	1	1. Ciccone	
		2. Merrill	x
		3. Cecchinelli	
	3	4. Weisbuch	x
		1. Hess-Mahan	x
		2. Swiston	
2003	1	3. Burg	x
		1. Cecchinelli	
		2. Gerst	x
	3	3. Merrill	x
		1. Gentile	X
		2. Donahue	
1997	4	3. Hess-Mahan	X
		4. Snyder	
		1. McGrath	x
		2. MacLeish	
1995	2	3. Sangiolo	x
		1. Maguire	x
		2. Keefe	
		3. Ciccone	x

1993	2	1. Gerst	x
		2. DiDuca	
		3. Lupo	x

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WARD	YEAR	Candidate	Ward Vote	Citywide Vote	Did Ward winner win election
2	2015	Cyrus Vaghar	327	1573	
2	2015	Margaret Albright	937	5836	YES
5	2015	Susan Huffman	368	2352	
5	2015	Steven Siegel	936	4903	YES
2	2013	Andrea Steenstrup	998	4585	NO
2	2013	Margaret Albright	850	5107	
2	2011	Margaret Albright	450	3016	
2	2011	Jonathan Yeo	738	5488	YES
4	2011	Josh Krintzman	669	3913	NO
4	2011	Diana Fisher Gomberg	554	4174	
5	2011	Susan Rosenbaum	546	3452	
5	2011	Steven Siegel	760	4618	YES
2	2009	Reenie Murphy	1421	8537	YES
2	2009	Margaret Albright	813	6136	
4	2009	Daniel Proskauer	729	6181	
4	2009	Jonathan Yeo	1394	8608	YES
5	2009	Susan Rosenbaum	1227	7505	YES
5	2009	Steven Siegel	1202	6947	
7	2009	Matthew Hills	1248	8324	YES
7	2009	Susan Flicop	569	6552	
8	2009	Margie Ross Decter	1604	11990	YES
8	2009	Tom Mountain	683	4725	
1	2007	Geoffrey Epstein	462	4094	YES
1	2007	Gail Click	348	3017	
1	2005	Gail Glick	687	6467	YES
1	2005	Geoffrey Epstein	615	4790	

6	2005	Andrew Gottlieb	532	3380	
6	2005	Claire Sokoloff	1663	7727	YES
1	2003	Fae D'Entremont	568	4168	
1	2003	Gail Glick	709	8050	YES
2	2003	Zygmunt Choroszy, Jr.	508	3629	
2	2003	Reenie Murphy	1325	8681	YES
3	2003	Anne Larner	1019	7898	YES
3	2003	Joseph Amatucci	913	4882	
4	2003	Nancy Levine	1146	7637	YES
4	2003	Donna Mazzola	963	5503	
5	2003	Brenda Loew	585	4376	
5	2003	Susan Heyman	1297	8058	YES
6	2003	Patricia Kellogg	1287	7044	YES
6	2003	Donna Cohen	797	5810	
7	2003	Marc Laredo	993	8541	YES
7	2003	Oktay Demir	308	3725	
8	2003	Matthew Bardin	623	4870	
8	2003	Dori Zaleznik	905	7528	YES
1	2001	Mark Wadness	530	4584	
1	2001	Gail Glick	765	6191	YES
2	2001	Susan Albright	891	8586	YES
2	2001	Zygmunt Chorogzy, Jr.	134	1241	
7	2001	Oktay Demir	148	1672	
7	2001	Marc Laredo	1027	6982	YES