

Mayor's Update



Newton's (unofficial) election results are in!

The turnout was impressive. Forty thousand, eight hundred and thirty one voters, or 68 percent of Newton's 60,345 registered voters cast ballots in today's election. (9,760 cast ballots early.)

Newton voted not to pass either a ban or a limit on the number of recreational marijuana retail establishments in the City, paving the way for up to eight stores to open in Newton. (Only 8 of the 32 precincts voted to ban the stores.)

(I spent the evening in the basement of City Hall with Chief Information Officer Joseph Mulvey who was posting the election results.)

THE RESULTS

Limit to 2 to 4 stores:

18,167 yes votes 20,719 no votes

Ban retail stores:

18,203 yes votes

21,764 no votes

The vote was for Newton to continue to allow medical marijuana establishments by special permit, and up to eight recreational marijuana retail establishments in the City, also by special permit. The City Council will have the final say now that the votes are in.

The recreational marijuana retail sales question was the only local issue voters decided today, but Newton voters weighed in on the statewide ballot questions and the races for Governor, Senator, Congress and other statewide offices.

- Question 1 (Nurses) lost in Newton, 9,011 votes yes to 27,729 no.
- Question 2 (Campaign Finance) passed in Newton, 30,801 votes yes to 7,552 no.
- Question 3 (Transgender Rights) passed in Newton, 32,351 votes yes to 6,539 no.
- Incumbent Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican, won in Newton, defeating Democrat Jay Gonzalez by 4,900 votes, 22,375 to 17,475.
- Incumbent Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat, won in Newton, defeating Republican Geoff Diehl by 22,242 votes, 30,480 to 8,238.
- Incumbent Congressman Joe Kennedy, a Democrat, ran unopposed, and received 34,256 votes.

State Sen. Cindy Creem, State Rep. Ruth Balsler and State Rep. Kay Khan all ran unopposed and received the following votes:

- Creem: 32,259
- Balsler: 15,194

- Khan: 15,503

Results for Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan and other state office holders, as well as full precinct by precinct results from Newton are posted [here](#).

Warmly,

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P.S., A huge thank you to our City Clerk, David Olson and the staff as well as the IT Department and the many, many poll workers and volunteers for running this election over many days with a heavy turnout.

