



## Programs & Services Committee Report

### City of Newton In City Council

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

**Present:** Councilors Krintzman (Chair), Wright, Albright, Humphrey, Ryan, Greenberg, and Baker  
**Absent:** Councilor Noel

**City Staff:** Nathan Giacalone, Committee Clerk

**Chair's Note:** *The Committee will meet jointly with the Public Facilities Committee and receive an update from the Commissioner of Public Buildings on the NewCAL project. See the Public Facilities agenda for relevant backup.*

**Notes:** Please see the 03-17-21 Public Facilities Committee Report.

**#82-21**      **Resolution to prioritize Covid-19 vaccinations for teachers**  
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, GREENBERG AND DOWNS requesting the City Council adopt a resolution requesting the Governor to prioritize teachers to be vaccinated immediately.

**Action:**      **Programs & Services No Action Necessary 7-0**

**Notes:** Councilor Albright introduced the item, saying that she docketed it after speaking with members of the Waban Area Council who asked for it so that the Council would pass this resolution. Since the item was docketed, the governor has brought teachers into the vaccination program, eliminating the need for this resolution. Additionally, the state will be dedicating certain days for teachers to get vaccinated.

**Discussion:**

**C:** Since the vaccination schedule keeps changing, the Council should still consider a resolution to affirm the need to prioritize teachers for vaccination in case the state changes its plan again.

**C:** So far, the state vaccination program has been working well, and here in Newton at the Franklin School, anybody who signed up for a vaccination got one the next day. Everyone who wants a vaccine appointment is getting one.

**C:** If the NAN does not pass, then the resolution should be changed to say it supports Governor Baker's decision to bring teachers into the vaccination scheduling right away.

**C:** Rewriting the resolution would be a challenge as the item would need to be amended so that the resolution would be affirmative.

Councilor Albright motioned No Action Necessary which carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Josh Krintzman, Chair**