



## Programs & Services Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

**7:00 PM**

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 starting at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81279980616> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID 812 7998 0616.

#### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #170-21**      **Recommendation to approve 2021 Preliminary Election date**  
THE NEWTON ELECTION COMMISSIONERS recommending the City Council approve the date for a 2021 Preliminary Election, if needed.
- #199-21**      **Request for a discussion on an application for American Rescue Plan Funding**  
COUNCILORS LAREDO, KRINTZMAN, NORTON, AND GREENBERG requesting a discussion with the Administration regarding how Newton can apply for and use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds from the Commonwealth in order to provide further assistance to Newton's most financially vulnerable residents.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Josh Krintzman, Chair**

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2021 Newton Preliminary Election

Projected Dates

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

- CON: Late summer
  - Outside of what Newton residents are used to for Preliminary Dates in the past.
  - Most residents/families could be away or taking time off before School back in session.
  - Short office staff at this time of year due to time off requests.
  - Would shorten the period candidates would be able to collect signatures by two weeks.

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 (Preferred)

- PRO: Mid-September
  - Schools back in session.
    - Allows easier access to school polling locations.
      - Increases turnout for morning/afternoon voters.
  - City of Boston holding Preliminary on same date.
    - Could be “free advertising” for Newton.
  - Residents are used to mid-September dates for Preliminary.
  - Office is fully staffed at this time of year.
  - After the Labor Day long weekend.
    - Makes the setup\* and breakdown of polling locations more manageable.
    - \*Easier to coordinate with DPW.

Thursday, September 16, 2021

- PRO: Mid-September
  - Schools back in session.
    - Allows easier access to school polling locations.
      - Increases turnout for morning/afternoon voters.
  - Residents are used to mid-September dates for Preliminary.
  - Office is fully staffed at this time of year.
  - Only difference between this date and Sept. 14, 2021 is two days.

DATE 1	DATE 2	DATE 3	TIME	TIME DESCRIPTION	LEGAL	NOTES
5/3/2021	5/3/2021	5/3/2021	8:30 AM	Nomination papers available.	(if city has accepted MGL Ch. 53, Sec. 9A)	City of Newton has not adopted this MGL
7/13/2021	7/27/2021	7/29/2021	5:00 PM	Last day and hour for submitting nomination papers to Registrar of Voters or Election Commissioners for the certification of signatures.	MGL Ch. 53, Sec. 7	14 Days prior to filing with City Clerk
7/27/2021	8/10/2021	8/12/2021	5:00 PM	Last day and hour for filing certified nomination papers, including Statement of Candidacy, with the City Clerk	MGL Ch. 53, Sec. 10	35 Days
7/29/2021	8/12/2021	8/16/2021	5:00 PM	Last day and hour for filing withdrawals of/or objections to all nomination papers with the City Clerk	MGL Ch. 55B, Sec. 7	2 Days after
7/29/2021	8/12/2021	8/16/2021	5:15 PM	Drawing of positions for the City Preliminary Election.	Charter 8-3(c)	2 Days after
8/11/2021	8/25/2021	8/27/2021	8:00 PM	Last hour and day to register to vote for the CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTION	MGL Ch. 51, Sec. 26	20 DAYS BEFORE
8/30/2021	9/13/2021	9/15/2021	12:00 PM	Last hour and day to apply for an Absentee Ballot	MGL Ch. 54, Sec 89	1 DAY BEFORE
8/31/2021	9/14/2021	9/16/2021	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<b>CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTION</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>				