

City of Cambridge Board of Election Commissioners

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## WHAT IS REPRECINCTING?

New ward and precinct boundary lines are drawn to reflect changes in the City's population and to anticipate the needs of the City's election system for the next decade. The population of Cambridge increased by 12.6% between 2010 and 2020, but the changes were not evenly distributed throughout the city. The **Board of Election Commissioners** held multiple public meetings to finalize a reprecincting plan to redraw the precinct borders to balance the population among the precincts, as required by state law. Cambridge now has 11 wards, 33 precincts, and 9 sub precincts. Learn more at

cambridgema.gov/pollinglocations

### WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

The State Legislature is responsible for redistricting, which divides the state into districts for Congress, State Senate, State Representative, and Governor's Council. The new precincts went into effect beginning in 2022. During this process, the City of Cambridge was divided into 2 Congressional Districts, 3 Senate Districts, 6 State Representative Districts, and 2 Governor's Council Districts. To find your district information, please visit

cambridgema.gov/pollinglocations

# WHAT ARE SUB-PRECINCTS?

In 9 of Cambridge's voting precincts, the legislative districts do not line up with the ward and precinct boundaries, which means that some precincts are in more than one legislative district. Voters who live in one of these "sub-precincts" will be listed on a separate voting list and provided with a different ballot than other voters in the precinct for state elections. Sub-precincts are indicated with the letter "A" (for example, Ward 1 Precinct 2A). This doesn't apply to Municipal Elections as all voters have the same ballots, and the ballots cast in the sub-precinct are counted together with the rest of the precinct. Municipal Election results will not be broken down by sub-precinct. Learn more at

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# CAMBRIDGE ELECTION COMMISSION Guide to Ward and Precinct Changes



Every 10 years after the US Census is completed, new ward and precinct boundaries are drawn to reflect changes in our population. This is an important process that takes place, with important changes that will affect many Cambridge voters. Please read through this guide to learn about the process and find your new ward and precinct so you know where to go to cast your ballot during the next election. More information is available online at www.cambridgema.gov/elections and will be mailed to voters before each election.



## **FINDING MY**

# **NEW WARD AND PRECINCT:**

- Visit www.cambridgema.gov/pollinglocations
- Email elections@cambridgema.gov
- Call the Election Commission at 617-349-4361
- Call the Multilingual Helpline at 617-865-2273











