

Municipal Election Voter Guide

Election Day is November 4, 2025



CITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

Election
Commission

2025

Voter Registration:

Check your Voter Registration Status at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com or call 617-349-4361.

The deadline to register to vote is **Saturday, October 25, 2025!**
The Election Commission Office, which has moved to 689 Massachusetts Avenue, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Online

Register at www.registertovotema.com if you have a Massachusetts Driver's License or ID. If you don't, you can still use the website but you must print your form, sign it, and mail it to the Election Commission office.

By Mail

You can obtain a mail-in registration form from the City Clerk's office, any Cambridge Post Office or any branch of the Cambridge Public Library. Mail completed registration forms to: **Cambridge Election Commission, 689 Massachusetts Ave, STE 1 Cambridge, MA 02139-3302.**

In Person

If you would like to register in-person, you may do so at the Election Commission office at **689 Massachusetts Ave.** Voter registration is also available as part of every transaction at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and at certain public assistance agencies.



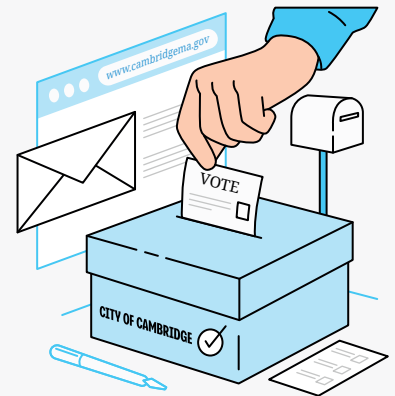
Eligibility: To register to vote in the City of Cambridge, You must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of Cambridge
- Be 18 years of age or older (Cambridge citizens who are 16 or 17 years of age can pre-register.)

Already registered to vote?

You **only** need to re-register when you change your name, residential address, mailing address, or political party.

Ways to Vote!



Vote By Mail

All Cambridge voters can vote by mail for this election. See page 3 for more details.

Vote Early In-Person

Early voting will be available at three locations from **October 25th through October 31st** at any of the three locations during designated hours (see page 2).

Vote on Election Day

Polls are open from **7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4th.** Voters must vote at their designated polling location (see page 4).

Early Voting In Person

In Person Early Voting Times & Location

Saturday, Oct. 25		🕒 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26		🕒 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 27		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 28		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 29		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 31		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Any registered voter can vote early. Unlike Election Day, you are not assigned to a polling location during the early voting period.

You can go to any of the three Cambridge early voting locations during the times designated below.

- 📍 **Valente Library**

826 Cambridge Street, Side Entrance on Berkshire Street
- 📍 **Cambridge Water Department**

250 Fresh Pond Parkway
- 📍 **Main Library**

449 Broadway

The Election Commission office at 689 Massachusetts Avenue will NOT be an early voting location for the Municipal Election.

On Election Day

What if I want to vote on Election Day instead?

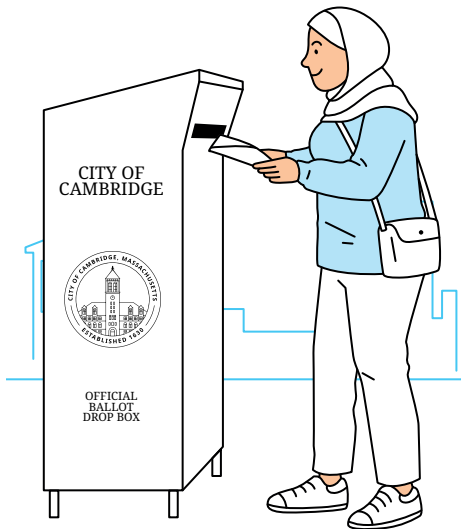
You can only vote once—if you cast an early voting ballot, either by mail or in-person, you cannot vote on Election Day.

If you don't vote early, you can still vote at your assigned polling location on Election Day. Polls will be open from **7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4th**.

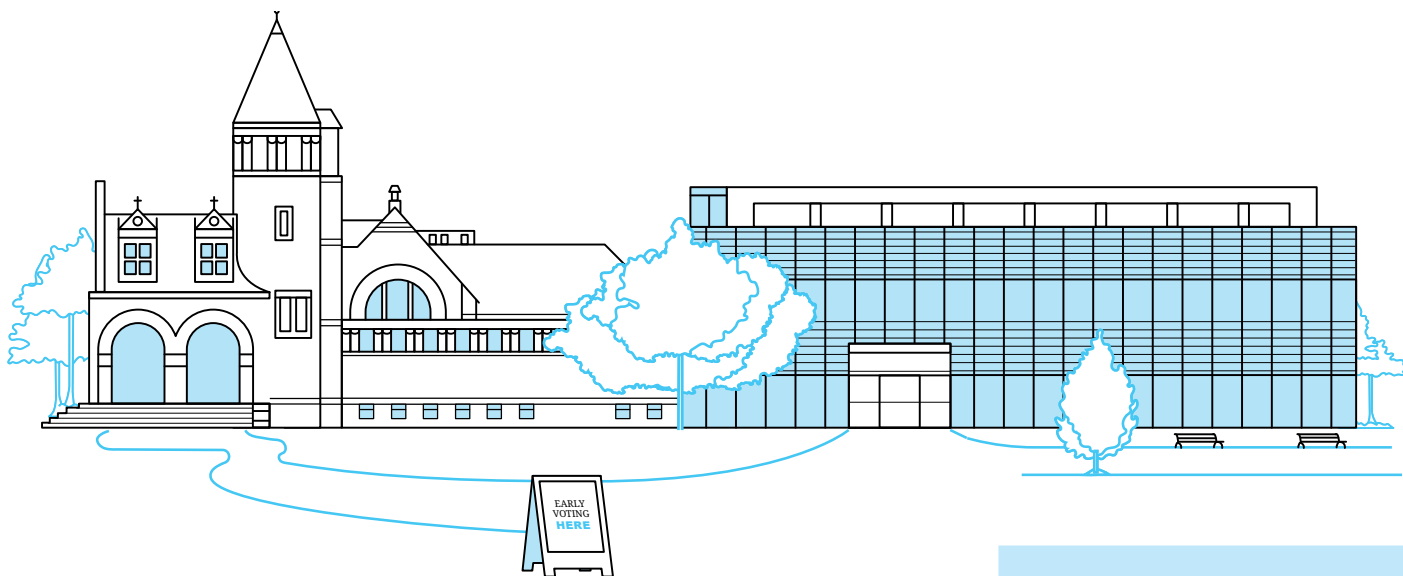
You will receive a voter notification card with your assigned polling location prior to Election Day. You must vote at the precinct where you are registered to vote. Look up your polling location at:

www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch, or call the Election Commission office at **617-349-4361**.

A list of polling locations is provided on page 4.



Early Voting By Mail



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How to Get an Application:

Download an application from www.cambridgema.gov/earlyvoting or send a written request for a ballot with your name, Cambridge address, where you want the ballot sent, and your signature.

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Options to Send in Your Application:

Send your signed application by email, fax, or mail.

🌐 elections@cambridgema.gov

✉ Cambridge Election Commission, 689 Massachusetts Ave STE 1, Cambridge, MA 02139-3302

📠 Fax 617-349-4366

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Options to Return Your Ballot:

1. Return the ballot by mail using the postage-paid envelope provided with your ballot.
2. Return the ballots in person to the Election Commission office at **689 Massachusetts Ave.**
3. Return the ballots in the sealed envelope to an election official at a designated Early Voting location during prescribed Early Voting hours.
4. Deliver your ballots to any one of the six (6) ballot drop boxes located in Cambridge. Drop box locations are listed on the last page of this guide.



Important Deadlines

Ballots will be mailed beginning the **second week of October**.

The Election Commission recommends submitting your application no later than **Tuesday, October 14th** to ensure the timely delivery of your ballots. Ballots cannot be mailed to you if your application reaches the Election Commission after **5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28th**.

Ballots must be received by the Election Commission Office by **8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4th** to be counted.

Postcard applications are being mailed to Cambridge voters who were registered by **August 12th**. If you did not receive a postcard, you can still apply to vote by mail. Ballots will only be mailed to voters who apply in writing.

Polling Sites For Election Day

222 Jacobs Street , Conference Center 1-1	Cambridge Rindge & Latin School , 3459 Broadway, 6-2 Media Cafeteria, Cambridge Street Entrance
M.I.T. Kresge Auditorium , 70 Massachusetts 1-2 Avenue, Behind Stratton Center	Cambridge Rindge & Latin School , 459 Broadway, 6-3 Media Cafeteria, Cambridge Street Entrance
M.I.T. Kresge Auditorium , 70 Massachusetts 1-2A Avenue, Behind Stratton Center	Baldwin School , Community Floor, 85 Oxford 7-1 Street, Sacramento Street Entrance
Millers River Apartments , 15 Lambert Street, 1-3 Cambridge Street Entrance	Baldwin School , Community Floor, 85 Oxford 7-2 Street, Sacramento Street Entrance
Valente Branch Library , 826 Cambridge Street, 2-1 Side Entrance on Berkshire Street	Baldwin School , Community Floor, 85 Oxford 7-2A Street, Sacramento Street Entrance
Truman Apartments , 25 Eighth Street, 2-2 Community Room, Thorndike Street Entrance	Gund Hall , 48 Quincy Street, Cambridge Street Entrance 7-3
O'Connell Branch Library , 48 Sixth Street, 2-3 Corner of Thorndike Street, Rear Entrance	Graham and Parks School , 44 Linnaean 8-1 Street, Playground Entrance
O'Connell Branch Library , 48 Sixth Street, 2-3A Corner of Thorndike Street, Rear Entrance	Friends Center , 5 Longfellow Park, Community Room 8-2
Pisani Center , 131 Washington Street, 3-1	Martin Luther King, JR. School , 102 Putnam 8-3 Avenue, Playground Gym Entrance
Moses Youth Center , 243 Harvard Street, 3-2 Lower Level, Rear Entrance	Holy Trinity Armenian Church , 145 Brattle Street, 9-1 Parking Lot Entrance on Sparks Street
City Hall , 795 Massachusetts Avenue, 3-3 Driveway Entrance	Cambridge Water Department , 250 Fresh 9-2 Pond Parkway
City Hall , 795 Massachusetts Avenue, 3-3A Driveway Entrance	Russel Youth Center , 680 Huron Avenue, Second Floor 9-3
Morse School , 40 Granite Street, Main Entrance 4-1	Peabody School Gym , 70 Rindge Avenue, 10-1 Rear Entrance
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church , 4-2 838 Massachusetts Ave, Entrance on Sellers Street	Peabody School Gym , 70 Rindge Avenue, 10-1A Rear Entrance
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church , 4-2A 838 Massachusetts Ave, Entrance on Sellers Street	Graham and Parks School , 44 Linnaean Street, 10-2 Playground Entrance
Martin Luther King, JR. School , 102 Putnam 4-3 Avenue, Playground Gym Entrance	Cadbury Commons , 66 Sherman Street, 10-3 Patio Entrance on Cadbury Rd
Salvation Army Headquarters , 5-1 402 Massachusetts Avenue	Reservoir Church , 170 Rindge Avenue, Rear Entrance 11-1
M.I.T Kresge Auditorium , 70 Massachusetts 5-2 Avenue, Behind Stratton Center	Reservoir Church , 170 Rindge Avenue, Rear Entrance 11-1A
Morse School , 40 Granite Street, Main Entrance 5-3	Reservoir Church , 170 Rindge Avenue, Rear Entrance 11-2
City Hall Annex , 344 Broadway, Second Floor, 6-1 Conference Room	Burns Apartments , 50 Churchill Avenue, 11-3 Community Room
City Hall Annex , 344 Broadway, Second Floor, 6-1A Conference Room	Burns Apartments , 50 Churchill Avenue, 11-3A Community Room

2025 Candidates

City Council:

Ayah A. Al-Zubi, 156 Magazine Street	
Burhan Azeem, 96 Berkshire Street	*
LaQueen Arleen Battle, 86 Otis Street	
Elizabeth Bisio, 22 Water Street	
Dana Ray Bullister, 21 Brookline Street	
Timothy R. Flaherty, 103 Fresh Pond Parkway	
John Hanratty, 15 Mount Vernon Street	
Peter Hsu, 70 Gore Street	
Marc C. McGovern, 17 Pleasant Street	*
Ned S. Melanson, 163 Allston Street	
Patricia M. Nolan, 184 Huron Avenue	*
Stanislav A. Rivkin, 17 Channing Street	
Zion Nathaniel Sherin, 401 Washington Street	
Sumbul Siddiqui, 283 Sidney Street	*
E. Denise Simmons, 188 Harvard Street	*
Jivan G. Sobrinho-Wheeler, 187 Brookline Street	*
Ayesha M. Wilson, 305 Elm Street	*
Robert Winters, 366 Broadway	
Catherine Zusy, 202 Hamilton Street	*

School Committee:

LaQueen Arleen Battle, 86 Otis Street	
Alborz Bejnood, 166 Auburn Street	
Alex Bowers, 44 Pemberton Street	
Anne Mathilde Coburn, 117 A Otis St	
Luisa de Paula Santos, 51 Walker St	
Caitlin E. Dube, 395 Huron Avenue	
Melanie Gause, 269 Broadway	
Jessica Diaz Goetz, 97 Pemberton St	
Richard N. Harding, Jr., 189 Windsor Street	*
Lilly Havstad, 32 Granville Road	
Jane Hirschi, 39 Rindge Avenue	
Elizabeth Hudson, 325 Harvard Street	*
Caroline Mary Lisette Hunter, 23 Rockwell Street	*
Arjun Kent Jaikumar, 175 Richdale Avenue	
Jia-Jing Lee, 20 2nd Street	
José Luis Rojas Villarreal, 19 Cornelius Way	*
Eugenia Schraa Huh, 259 Washington Street	
David J. Weinstein, 45 S. Normandy Avenue	*

* Candidate for Re-election



More Information On Candidates

Newspapers, websites, and local organizations are good sources of information about the candidates. Many candidates have campaign websites that you can find by searching online.

Except as required by law, the City of Cambridge Election Commission does not participate in any campaign activities, including but not limited to:

- Providing information about candidates' beliefs or positions
- Regulating or fact-checking campaign materials
- Organizing or advertising candidate debates

Campaign Finance:

City Council candidates file campaign finance reports with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF), a state office.

School Committee candidates file campaign finance reports with the Election Commission.

To view Campaign Finance Reports, visit:

🌐 www.cambridgema.gov/cfr

What will the ballots look like?

There will be **three** ballots: one for City Council, one for School Committee, and one for the ballot question.

Specimen ballots are posted online at:

🌐 www.cambridgema.gov/elections

Ballot question information has been mailed to every household with a voter.

Marking your PR Ballot

Voting is easy! The City Council and School Committee ballots list candidates with numbered ovals next to their names. Just rank the candidates in order of preference by filling in the numbered ovals.

Valid Markings

Mark your choices by completely filling in the numbered ovals.

Fill in the number one (1) oval next to your first choice. Fill in the number two (2) oval next to your second choice, and so on.

You don't need to rank all the candidates: you may fill in as many or as few choices as you please.

Only one vote per candidate. Only one vote per column.					
Junior Mints, 95 Movie Road	①	②	③	●	⑤ ⑥
Three Musketeers, 333 Nougat Street	①	●	③	④	⑤ ⑥
Werther Original, 753 Caramel Avenue	①	②	③	④	⑤ ⑥
York Peppermint Pattie, 1940 Sensation Street	●	②	③	④	⑤ ⑥
Marshmallow Peep, 432 Seasonal Lane	①	②	③	④	⑤ ⑥
Good A. Plenty, 35 Licorice Street	①	②	●	④	⑤ ⑥
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION					

Invalid Markings

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- Filling in more than one choice for a candidate
- Giving more than one candidate the same ranking
- Ovals that are not filled in completely and cannot be read by the machine

Just be aware that each ballot might have the candidates in a different order! The candidates' names are rotated in alphabetical order on the ballot so that each candidate appears in the desirable top-of-the ballot position on an equal number of ballots.

If you make a mistake, you can return your ballot to the election worker and receive another one. You are limited to three attempts at completing your ballot.

Proportional Representation

Since 1941 the City of Cambridge has elected its City Council and School Committee by Proportional Representation (PR).

Elections for nine members of the City Council and six members of the School Committee are held in November in odd-numbered years.

PR elections ensure the fair representation of all voters. Any group of voters that number more than one-tenth of the votes cast can be sure of electing at least one member of a nine-member Council, but a majority group of voters can be sure of electing a majority of the Council. The majority elect a majority of seats, but minority groupings also win their fair share of representation.

PR elections also ensure that no ballot is wasted. Your ballot will only count for one candidate. If the candidate you rank first loses, or already has enough votes to win, your ballot will be transferred to the next choice you marked.

Ranking only one candidate does not give that candidate an advantage, so rank as many candidates as you like.

How the PR Ballots are Counted

First Count:

The ballots are sorted by the number one (#1) vote on each ballot. Candidates are ranked according to the number of first choice votes received.

Calculate Quota:

Quota is determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Quota} = \frac{\text{Number of valid ballots}}{\text{Number to elect} + 1} + 1$$

For example, if 24,990 valid ballots are cast for City Council, the quota will be 2,500 (24,990 divided by 10, plus 1).

Distribute the Surplus:

Any candidates who reach the necessary quota with number one (#1) votes are declared elected. Any extra ballots they receive beyond the quota are redistributed to the candidates marked next in preference on the ballot. For example, if quota is 2,500 and a candidate receives 3,000 first choice ballots, 500 ballots will be transferred.

Eliminating Candidates:

The count continues with the elimination of candidates who have fewer than fifty number one (#1) votes. Their ballots are redistributed to the other candidates according to the next preference marked. After each distribution, each candidate's new vote total is established. Then the candidate with the lowest number of votes is declared defeated and that candidate's ballots are redistributed to the voter's next indicated preference.

Electing Candidates:

As candidates reach the quota through the addition of redistributed ballots to their totals, they are declared elected and no further ballots are transferred to them. This process continues until all candidates have been eliminated except the nine winners for city council or six winners for school committee.

Election Results:

On Election Night, all of the ballots that went through the scanners on Election Day, including absentee ballots, will be tabulated. Preliminary results will be posted on the City of Cambridge homepage at www.cambridgema.gov on Election Night, once every precinct has reported to the Central Tabulation Center.

Beginning the day after the election, the Commissioners will review all write-in ballots and auxiliary ballots by hand and add these to the results. Auxiliary ballots are ballots that cannot be read by the scanners. These results are unofficial results because they still do not include all ballots.

The Election Commissioners will meet 10 days after the election to count any overseas absentee ballots or provisional ballot that are determined to be valid. **Once these final ballots have been added to the results, the count will be complete and the Election Commission will release the official results.**

Interested in Working on Election Day?



The Election Commission accepts applications throughout the year from registered voters who are interested in working at the polls on Election Day.

Download an application at:
www.cambridgema.gov/ElectionWorkers

Applications are also available at the Election Commission office.



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Election Commission 24-hour official ballot drop box locations for the November 4, 2025 Municipal Election

Main Drop Box Location

The following location will be open from Monday, October 6, 2025 to Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 8 p.m.

689 Massachusetts Ave
Left-side of the front entrance

This drop box location will be the ONLY one open on Election Day, November 4, 2025

Satellite Drop Box Location

The following locations will be open from Monday, October 6, 2025, to Monday, November 3, 2025, at 8pm. **Satellite locations will NOT be open on Election Day, November 4, 2025.**



Please make sure **your voted ballot is sealed inside of the**

jurat envelope (yellow envelope) and the affirmation on the jurat envelope **has been signed** prior to inserting the envelope into the drop box.

City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Near the rear door

Morse School
40 Granite Street
Near the front entrance

Cambridge Police Headquarters
125 6th Street
Near the front of the building

Maria L. Baldwin School
85 Oxford Street
Right-side of the Oxford St. entrance

O'Neill Library
70 Rindge Avenue
Adjacent to the entrance stairs

Multilingual Resources



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