



# 2017 Cambridge Voter Guide

**Vote on November 7 for Cambridge  
City Council and School Committee!**

**The deadline to register to vote is:  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.**

**Eligibility:**

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

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a Cambridge resident
- Be 18 years of age or older

Cambridge citizens who are 16 or 17 years of age can pre-register to vote.

Look up your voter registration online at:  
[www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch)

Already registered to vote? You do not need to re-register *unless* you change your:

- Name
- Residential address
- Mailing address
- Political Party

## Ways to Register

**Register Online:** If you have a Massachusetts Drivers License or ID you can register online at [www.registertovotema.com](http://www.registertovotema.com). 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.

**Register 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.

**Register in person:** If you would like to register in-person, you may do so at the Election Commission office at 51 Inman Street. Voter registration is also available as part of every transaction at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and at certain public assistance agencies.



The deadline to **request an absentee ballot** is Monday, November 6, at 12:00 P.M.

The deadline to **return the absentee ballot** is Tuesday, November 7, at 8:00 P.M.

If you would like to vote absentee by mail, make sure you allow enough time to receive the ballot and mail it back.

## Ways to Vote

### Voting in Person on Election Day

Your polling location is open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Election Day.



### Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

Your polling location will be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. It will also have at least one voting machine that allows all voters, including those who are visually-impaired, to vote independently.

### Absentee Voting Eligibility

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote at your polling place on election day due to:

- Absence from Cambridge on Election Day; or
- Physical disability; or
- Religious belief.

### Voting Absentee in Person

You can vote in person at the Election Commission office. Call the Election Commission office at 617-349-4361 to find out if absentee ballots are available.

### Voting Absentee by Mail

To vote absentee by mail, you first have to apply for an absentee ballot. You can do this by either filling out the application form or by sending a signed request to the Election Commission with:

- Your name
- The address where you are registered to vote
- The address where you want the ballot to be sent
- Your signature

A family member can apply for a voter by including their name and relationship to the voter with the above information about the voter.

Absentee Applications can be downloaded at:  
[www.cambridgema.gov/absentee](http://www.cambridgema.gov/absentee)

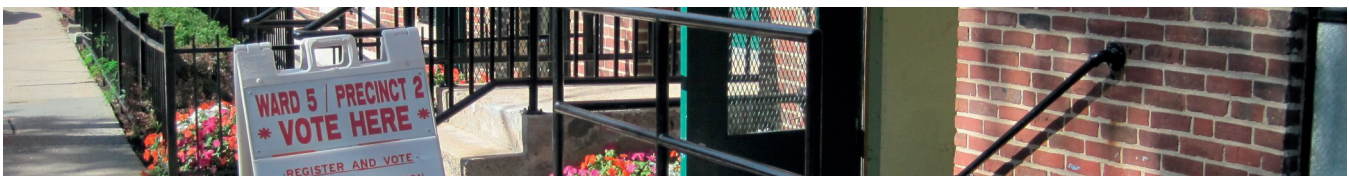
### Early Voting

**Early Voting is not available for municipal elections.** If you are not eligible to vote absentee, you must vote on Election Day at your polling location.

# Cambridge Polling Locations

Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. You must vote at the precinct where you are registered to vote. Look up your registration at [www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch) or call the Election Commission office at 617-349-4361 to find your precinct.

<b>1-1 O'CONNELL BRANCH LIBRARY</b> 48 Sixth Street; Corner of Thorndike Street	<b>6-1 CITY HALL ANNEX</b> , 344 Broadway Conference Room, Second Floor
<b>1-2 TRUMAN APARTMENTS</b> , 25 Eighth Street, Community Room, Thorndike Street Entrance	<b>6-2 CAMBRIDGE REHABILITATION &amp; NURSING CENTER</b> (formerly Vernon Hall Nursing Home), 8 Dana Street, Activity Room
<b>1-3 MILLERS RIVER APARTMENTS</b> 15 Lambert Street, Cambridge Street entrance	<b>6-3 SPAULDING HOSPITAL</b> (formerly Youville Hospital), 1575 Cambridge Street Hovey Avenue Entrance
<b>2-1 PISANI CENTER</b> 131 Washington Street	<b>7-1 BALDWIN SCHOOL</b> Community Floor, 28 Sacramento Street entrance
<b>2-2 M.I.T.</b> , Kresge Auditorium, behind Stratton Center, 70 Massachusetts Avenue	<b>7-2 BALDWIN SCHOOL</b> Community Floor, 28 Sacramento Street entrance
<b>2-3 M.I.T.</b> , Kresge Auditorium, behind Stratton Center, 70 Massachusetts Avenue	<b>7-3 GUND HALL</b> 48 Quincy Street, Cambridge Street Entrance
<b>3-1 FRISOLI YOUTH CENTER</b> 61 Willow Street, Exercise Room (Previously located at the King Open School)	<b>8-1 GRAHAM AND PARKS SCHOOL</b> (formerly Peabody School) 44 Linnaean St., Playground Entr.
<b>3-2 MOSES YOUTH CENTER</b> (Formerly Area IV Youth Center) 243 Harvard Street, Lower Level, Rear Entrance	<b>8-2 FRIENDS CENTER</b> 5 Longfellow Park, Community Room
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<b>3-3 LAFAYETTE SQUARE FIRE HOUSE</b> , (Due to renovations at Salvation Army) 378 Massachusetts Avenue, Sidney St Entrance	<b>9-1 LEXINGTON AVENUE FIRE HOUSE</b> 167 Lexington Avenue
<b>4-1 PUTNAM GARDENS</b> , Community Room Entrance between Magee and Callender Streets	<b>9-2 NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY</b> 450 Concord Avenue, Classroom
<b>4-2 CITY HALL</b> 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Driveway Entrance	<b>9-3 HAGGERTY SCHOOL</b> , 110 Cushing Street, Gym, Lawn Street Entrance
<b>4-3 2 MOUNT AUBURN STREET</b> Putnam Apartments, Lobby	<b>10-1 RUSSELL APARTMENTS</b> (Senior Citizen Apartments) 2050 Massachusetts Avenue
<b>5-1 LBJ APARTMENTS</b> , 150 Erie Street, Community Room (Parking Lot Entrance)	<b>10-2 GRAHAM AND PARKS SCHOOL</b> , (formerly Peabody School) 44 Linnaean St., Playground Entr.
<b>5-2 WOODROW WILSON COURT</b> Magazine St., Community Room, Fairmont St. Entry between Door 7 and 8	<b>10-3 CADBURY COMMONS</b> 66 Sherman Street
<b>5-3 MORSE SCHOOL</b> 40 Granite Street, Main Entrance	<b>11-1 JEFFERSON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING</b> , 1 Jackson Place
	<b>11-2 PEABODY SCHOOL GYM</b> 70-R Rindge Avenue
	<b>11-3 BURNS APARTMENTS</b> 50 Churchill Avenue, Community Room



## 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 Board of Election Commissioners does not participate in any campaign activities, including but not limited to:

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

### Campaign Finance

City Council candidates file campaign finance reports with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance, a state office. Reports are online at [www.ocpf.us](http://www.ocpf.us) (use the search bar at the top to search for a candidate's name)

School Committee candidates file campaign finance reports with the Election Commission. Reports are online at [www.cambridgema.gov/cfr](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cfr) or can be viewed at the Election Commission office.

# 2017 Candidates

## City Council:

Ronald Benjamin	172 Cushing Street
Josh M. Burgin	812 Memorial Drive
Dennis J. Carlone*	9 Washington Avenue
Olivia D'Ambrosio	6 Arlington Street
Jan Devereux*	255 Lakeview Avenue
Samuel Gebru	812 Memorial Drive
Richard Harding, Jr.	189 Windsor Street
Craig A. Kelley*	6 Saint Gerard Terrace
Dan Lenke	148 Richdale Avenue
Ilan Levy	148 Spring Street
Alanna M. Mallon	3 Maple Avenue
Marc C. McGovern*	15 Pleasant Street
Gregg J. Moree	25 Fairfield Street
Adriane B. Musgrave	5 Newport Road
Nadya T. Okamoto	220 Banks Street
Hari I. Pillai	165 Cambridge Park Drive
Jeff Santos	350 3rd Street
Sumbul Siddiqui	530 Windsor Street
E. Denise Simmons*	188 Harvard Street
Vatsady Sivongxay	59 Kirkland Street
Bryan Sutton	764 Cambridge Street
Sean Tierney	12 Prince Street
Paul F. Toner	24 Newman Street
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.*	88 6th Street
Gwen Thomas Volmar	13 Ware Street
Quinton Y. Zondervan	235 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue

## School Committee:

Manikka L. Bowman*	134 Reed Street
Fran A. Cronin	1 Kimball Lane
Jake W. Crutchfield	281 River Street
Emily R. Dexter*	9 Fenno Street
Alfred B. Fantini*	4 Canal Park
Elechi M. Kadete	10 Laurel Street
Kathleen M. Kelly*	17 Marie Avenue
Laurance V. Kimbrough	24 Aberdeen Avenue
William MacArthur	18 Shea Road
Piotr Flawiusz Mitros	9 Michael Way
Patricia M. Nolan*	184 Huron Avenue,
David J. Weinstein	45 S. Normandy Avenue

\* Candidate for Re-election



# Marking your Ballot

Voting is easy! The ballot lists candidates with numbered ovals next to their names. Just rank the candidates in order of preference by filling in the numbered ovals:

## Valid Markings

Candidate A ① ② ●  
Candidate B ● ② ③  
Candidate C ① ● ③

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.

Candidate A ① ② ③  
Candidate B ● ② ③  
Candidate C ① ● ③

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

## Invalid Markings

Candidate A ● ● ③

Invalid because Candidate A was given two ranks.

Candidate A ● ② ③  
Candidate B ● ② ③

Invalid because Candidate A and Candidate B were both ranked number one.

① ✓ ✗ ③ ①

Invalid because the ovals were marked incorrectly, and the machine can't read them.

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.

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.

## Proportional Representation

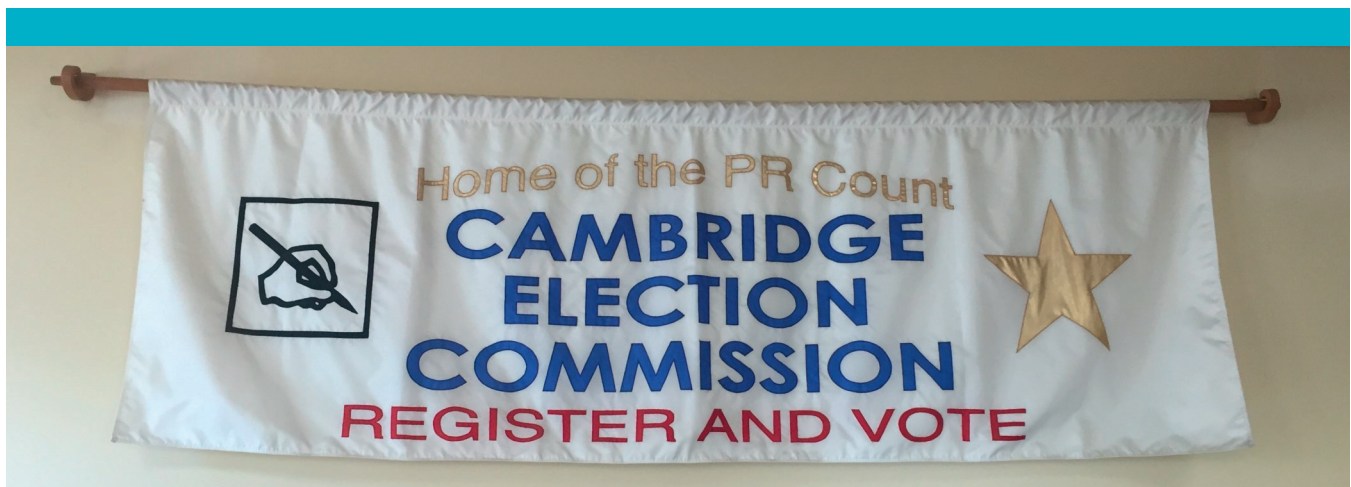
Since 1941 the City of Cambridge has elected its City Council and School Committee by Proportional Representation (PR).

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 total population 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 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.



1977 PR Count

## Election Results

In 1997 the Election Commission computerized the City of Cambridge PR elections using a precinct-based optical scanning system and specially designed software. Prior to 1997, the PR Count was performed manually during the course of a week by a staff of over a hundred. The sorting, counting and transfer of votes is now completed in a matter of minutes.

### Election Night: November 7, 2017

The Election Commission will tabulate all of the ballots that went through the scanners on Election Day, including absentee ballots. No results will be available until every precinct has returned the ballots to the Central Tabulation Center. These results are called **preliminary results** and they will be posted on [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov) on election night once all the precincts have reported.

### The Count: November 8, 2017

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.

### Official Results: November 17, 2017

The Election Commission will meet 10 days after the election to count any overseas absentee ballots or provisional ballots that are determined to be valid. Overseas absentee ballots can be counted if they arrive up to 10 days after the election, as long as they are postmarked on Election Day. Provisional ballots are cast by voters whose eligibility could not be determined on Election Day. Provisional ballots are kept securely sealed and only added to the results if the voter is determined to be registered. 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](http://www.cambridgema.gov/ElectionWorkers)

Applications are also available at the Election Commission office.

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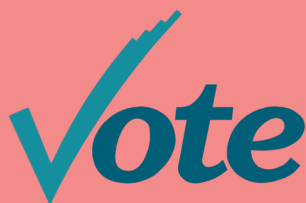


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information on:

- Where to vote
- How to Register
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- Proportional Representation

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### Municipal Election November 7, 2017

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