



City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**MICHELLE WU**

October 7, 2024

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Dear Councilors:

At the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, I hereby transmit for the approval of your Honorable Body an Order Fixing the date of the 2025 Preliminary Municipal Election as September 9, 2025.

Pursuant to the City Charter, the Preliminary Municipal Election occurs on the sixth Tuesday preceding the Municipal Election. However, due to the state law, G. L. c. 54, S. 25B, which allows for in-person early voting and mail-in voting for municipal elections, and the additional time required for the Elections Department staff to process those ballots, it would be prudent to provide the Elections Department staff additional time between the preliminary and municipal elections to properly process vote-by-mail ballots and conduct early in-person voting. The Chair recommends moving the Preliminary Municipal Election to the eighth Tuesday preceding the Municipal Election, namely, September 9.

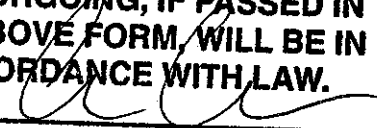
I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order fixing the date of the 2025 Preliminary Municipal Election as Tuesday, September 9, 2025, as soon as possible. This will allow the Election Department to begin preparing material using the date September 9, ensuring that both voters and candidates will be aware of the date as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDERED:** That pursuant to G. L. c. 54, § 103P, the date of the Preliminary Municipal Election in 2025 is fixed as Tuesday, September 9, 2025. All deadlines relating to filing nomination papers and certifying names thereon related to the 2025 Municipal Election shall remain unchanged.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY  
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN  
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**  
BY   
**ADAM CEDERBAUM  
CORPORATION COUNSEL**