



City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**Michelle Wu**

February 13, 2023

**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 Preliminary Election for this Municipal Year as September 12, 2023.

Pursuant to the City Charter, the Preliminary Municipal Election occurs on the sixth Tuesday preceding the General Election. This year, due to the recently-enacted state law, G. L. c. 54. S. 25B, which provides for early in-person voting and for mail voting for municipal elections, and the additional time it will take 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 general elections to properly mail and process mail ballots and conduct early in-person voting. The Chair recommends moving the preliminary election to the eighth Tuesday preceding the general election, namely, September 12.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order fixing the date of the 2023 Preliminary Election as Tuesday, September 12, 2023 as soon as possible, so that voters and candidates both 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 2023 is fixed as Tuesday, September 12, 2023. All deadlines relating to filing nomination papers and certifying names thereon related to the 2023 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**