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Primary Election Day: March 3, 2020
General Election Day: November 3, 2020
Polls are open 7:00am - 8:00pm

WHY VOTING MATTERS
In the United States, it’s your right to cast a ballot. Whether you are interested in school improvements, better roads, or lower taxes; whether your priority is immigration reform or loosening restrictions on small businesses; whether you’re concerned about government accountability, environmental protection, or U.S. foreign policy, the ballot box is where you get to choose your city priorities, your state laws, and our federal policies.

ELECTION DEADLINES

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*By 12:00pm
** By 8:00pm

HOW TO VOTE
Voters can learn about their eligibility to vote in Massachusetts, how to register to vote, how to find their polling location, and how to access online forms by visiting the Secretary of State’s website at https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm

VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
In most cases, voters do not need to present identification when voting, but it is advisable to bring valid ID when voting. Exceptions include: first time voters; voters on the inactive voter list; voters casting a provisional or challenged ballot; and if a poll worker has a reasonable suspicion that leads them to request identification from a voter. Acceptable forms of identification must include the voter’s name and the address where they are registered to vote. Examples include:

- A driver’s license
- State-issued ID card
- Recent utility bill
- Recent rent receipt
- Lease
- A copy of a voter registration affidavit
- Any other printed identification which contains the voter’s name and address.

For more information about identification requirements, visit: https://bit.ly/2iCP3nj

IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING
In-person early voting is available in Massachusetts beginning the eleventh day before the election, and ending the day before the election. Each local election official will designate their locality’s early voting locations and hours, and will post this information no later than 7 days before the start of early voting. To learn more about early voting, visit: https://bit.ly/2Vr5nNI. The contact information for local election offices can be found here: https://bit.ly/1gR7zOT

MAILED ABSENTEE VOTING
Massachusetts allows voters to vote by mail-in absentee ballot if they are unable to make it to the polls on election day. Absentee ballots must be requested in writing by either the voter or the voter’s family member, must be received no later than 12:00pm the day before the election for which the ballot is being requested. Applications can be submitted in-person, by mail, by fax, or by email. All completed ballots must be received by poll close on the day of the election; a postmark is insufficient. Contact local election offices for more information: https://bit.ly/1gR7zOT

RESOURCES
For more information on voting in Massachusetts, please call our Yalla Vote Hotline at 1-844-YALLA-US (1-844-925-5287). Voter support is available in both English and Arabic, year-round.

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