



The City of
WORCESTER

City Clerk Department

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BOARD OF ELECTION

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, WORCESTER CITY HALL

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the February 15th meeting

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on the changes of the state voter registration database (VRIS) to accommodate for additional precinct splits and changes to the 2023 Municipal Election.
2. School Committee and City Council District for the 2023 Municipal Elections.
3. Discussion concerning polling locations for the 2023 Election Season.
4. Update on the 2023 Annual Street listing.
5. Candidate Guide for the 2023 Municipal Election.
6. Update on the Nomination Papers for the 2023 Municipal Elections.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:

TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY DURING THE MEETING:

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Board of Election, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2023

Location: City Hall

Members Present: Kimberley Vanderspek, Winifred Octave, Cecilio Gonzalez, and Paul Franco.

City Officials Present: Niko Vangjeli

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Pledge of Alliance was said.

Minutes from January 18, 2023 approved.

First Business Item: Update no Changes to State Voter Database and 2023 Municipal Election. Niko is working with the state to update the database for 2023 municipal election. Sec of State wants data from the City to consider in making its final data base. New maps were unveiled by Niko to illustrate the complexity of the school districts. The Sec of State role is allow the City to change the voter database.

Once it is approved, the Commission and city must educate the public. There are several split precincts, which can be confusing.

Second Business Item: Poll worker Stipend. Niko approached the City Administration and is waiting.

Commissioner Franco moved to increase the stipend \$50.00 across the board and the commission unanimously approved.

Third Business Item: Poll locations for 2023 election season. Niko is trying to get the same locations as last year.

Fourth Business Item: Update on the 2023 Annual Street listing. This is for the City Census.

Next Meeting scheduled for March 21st at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

| City Council | | | School Committee | |
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| Council District | Ward | Precinct (splits are shaded yellow) | School District | Ballot Style |
| 1 | 01 | 01 | A | #001 |
| 1 | 01 | 02 | A | #001 |
| 1 | 01 | 03 | A | #001 |
| 1 | 01 | 05 | A | #001 |
| 1 | 01 | 06 | A | #001 |
| 1 | 02 | 01 | A | #001 |
| 1 | 02 | 02 | A | #001 |
| 1 | 02 | 03 | A | #001 |
| 1 | 02 | 06 | A | #001 |
| 2 | 03 | 03 | A | #005 |
| 1 | 02 | 04 | B | #003 |
| 1 | 02 | 05 | B | #003 |
| 1 | 02 | 06A | B | #003 |
| 2 | 03 | 01 | B | #004 |
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| 2 | 03 | 03A | B | #004 |
| 2 | 03 | 04 | B | #004 |
| 2 | 03 | 05A | B | #004 |
| 2 | 03 | 06 | B | #004 |
| 2 | 04 | 02B | B | #004 |
| 4 | 10 | 02 | B | #015 |
| 4 | 10 | 03 | B | #015 |
| 4 | 10 | 04 | B | #015 |
| 2 | 03 | 05 | C | #006 |
| 2 | 04 | 02 | C | #006 |
| 2 | 04 | 02A | C | #006 |
| 2 | 04 | 03 | C | #006 |
| 2 | 04 | 04 | C | #006 |
| 2 | 04 | 05 | C | #006 |
| 2 | 04 | 06 | C | #006 |
| 3 | 05 | 01 | C | #007 |
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| 3 | 05 | 06 | C | #007 |
| 2 | 04 | 01 | D | #007 |
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| 3 | 06 | 03 | D | #009 |
| 4 | 08 | 01 | D | #012 |
| 4 | 08 | 02 | D | #012 |
| 4 | 08 | 04 | D | #012 |
| 4 | 08 | 06 | D | #012 |
| 4 | 10 | 05 | D | #016 |
| 4 | 10 | 06 | D | #016 |
| 3 | 05 | 05 | E | #008 |
| 3 | 06 | 04 | E | #008 |
| 3 | 06 | 05 | E | #008 |
| 3 | 06 | 06 | E | #008 |
| 5 | 07 | 02 | E | #011 |
| 5 | 07 | 03 | E | #011 |
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| 5 | 07 | 05A | E | #011 |
| 5 | 07 | 06 | E | #011 |
| 4 | 08 | 05 | E | #014 |
| 1 | 01 | 04 | F | #002 |
| 5 | 07 | 01 | F | #010 |
| 4 | 08 | 03 | F | #013 |
| 5 | 09 | 01 | F | #010 |
| 5 | 09 | 02 | F | #010 |
| 5 | 09 | 03 | F | #010 |
| 5 | 09 | 04 | F | #010 |
| 5 | 09 | 05 | F | #010 |
| 5 | 09 | 06 | F | #010 |
| 4 | 10 | 01 | F | #013 |
| 4 | 10 | 04A | F | #013 |

| | | 2023 Polling Locations | Election |
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| Ward | Precinct | Location: | |
| 1 | 1 | Congregation Beth Israel, social hall | |
| 1 | 2 | Nelson Place Elem. School Gym | |
| 1 | 3 | Assumption University, La Maison Francais | |
| 1 | 4 | Congregation Beth Israel, social hall | |
| 1 | 5 | Market 32 | |
| 1 | 6 | Unitarian Universalist Church, hall | |
| 2 | 1 | Salem Covenant Church, hall | |
| 2 | 2 | Zion Lutheran Hall | |
| 2 | 3 | Burncoat High School, Gym | |
| 2 | 4 | Lincoln Village Residents Alliance | |
| 2 | 5 | Great Brook Valley Multipurpose Center | |
| 2 | 6 | Salem Covenant Church, hall | |
| 2 | 6A | Salem Covenant Church, hall | 2023 |
| 3 | 1 | Worcester Technical High School, Gym | |
| 3 | 2 | Belmont Apartments, community room | |
| 3 | 3 | Worcester Center for Crafts | |
| 3 | 3A | Worcester Center for Crafts | 2023 |
| 3 | 4 | Worcester Technical High School, Gym | |
| 3 | 5 | Living Word Church | |
| 3 | 5A | Living Word Church | 2023 |
| 3 | 6 | Burncoat High School, Gym | |
| 4 | 1 | Friendly House, Gym | |
| 4 | 2 | American Legion East Side Post | |
| 4 | 2A | American Legion East Side Post | State Election |
| 4 | 2B | American Legion East Side Post | 2023 |

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| 4 | 3 | Public Library, Saxe Room | |
| 4 | 4 | Mt. Carmel Apartments | |
| 4 | 5 | Lincoln Park Tower, community room | |
| 4 | 6 | North High School, Gym | |
| 5 | 1 | Addison Apartments, community room | |
| 5 | 2 | North High School, Gym | |
| 5 | 3 | Lake Park Community House | |
| 5 | 4 | Massachusetts Audubon Society, Learning Center | |
| 5 | 5 | Massachusetts Audubon Society, Visitor Center | |
| 5 | 6 | Our Lady of Loreto | |
| 6 | 1 | Worcester Senior Center, Lunch Room | |
| 6 | 2 | Worcester Senior Center, Lunch Room | |
| 6 | 3 | Blackstone Heritage Corridor | |
| 6 | 4 | Saint Matthews Church | |
| 6 | 5 | Blackstone Heritage Corridor | |
| 6 | 6 | Emanuel Lutheran Church | |
| 7 | 1 | Beaver Brook Community Building | |
| 7 | 2 | Coes Pond Village | |
| 7 | 3 | Stearns Tavern | |
| 7 | 4 | Shaw's Supermarket | |
| 7 | 5 | Hadwen Park Congregational Church | |
| 7 | 5A | Hadwen Park Congregational Church | State Election |
| 7 | 6 | Shaw's Supermarket | |
| 8 | 1 | Worcester Senior Center, Lunch Room | |
| 8 | 2 | Saint Peter's Church, hall | |
| 8 | 3 | Saint Peter's Church, hall | |
| 8 | 4 | Webster Square Towers, community room | |

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| 8 | 5 | South Worc. Neighborhood Center | |
| 8 | 6 | Saint Matthews Church | |
| 9 | 1 | Blessed Sacrament: Phelan Center, Gym | |
| 9 | 2 | Blessed Sacrament: Phelan Center, Gym | |
| 9 | 3 | Christ the King Catholic Church, social hall | |
| 9 | 4 | Worcester Seventh-day Adventist Church | |
| 9 | 5 | Congregation Beth Israel, social hall | |
| 9 | 6 | Christ the King Catholic Church, social hall | |
| 10 | 1 | Order of Ahepa Lodge | |
| 10 | 2 | Order of Ahepa Lodge | |
| 10 | 3 | Murray Avenue Apartments, community room | |
| 10 | 4 | Elm Park Tower, community room | |
| 10 | 4A | Elm Park Tower, community room | 2023 |
| 10 | 5 | Dept. of Inspectional Services | |
| 10 | 6 | YMCA | |
| 68 Polling Locations | | | |



Requirements to Hold Local Office

★You must be a registered voter in Worcester.

★**Councilor At-Large:** Any voter is eligible to hold the office of councilor at-large, if the voter shall have resided in the city for a period of at least one year.

★**District Councilor:** A district councilor at the time of their election shall be a voter of the district from which they are elected and shall have resided therein for a period of at least one year.

★**School Committee:** Any voter is eligible to hold the office of school committee member, provided, however, that they have resided within the city for one year immediately prior to the election.

★**District School Committee:** A district school committee member at the time of their election shall be a voter of the district from which they are elected and shall have resided therein for a period of at least one year.

★Request nomination papers from the Board of Election Commissioners, Room 208, City Hall.

Nomination Papers

Signature Requirements:

District Councilor: 100

District School Committee: 100

Councilor At-Large or School Committee: 300

Before circulating nomination papers for signatures, fill in all required information on the front and back of the nomination papers: The name of the candidate, residential address, candidate signature, justice of the peace or notary public signature.

Signatures on Nomination Papers

Procedures: To be certified, all signatures on nomination papers must be legible and signed in person, with the address at which the voters are registered. Voters must use street addresses, and not mailing addresses such as PO Box numbers.

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District Boundaries: Signatures that are not in the correct City Council or School Committee District cannot be counted.

How Voter's Name Should Be Written: The law allows a voter to insert or omit a middle name or initial. Do not use nicknames or initials in place of given names. Do not use titles in place of a given name. To avoid legal objections, it is wise to consult a voting list, if available, and sign as registered. The law directs local election officials to certify the signature if they can reasonably determine the identity of the voter from the form of the signature. Voter info is searchable @ www.worcesterma.gov, then “Where do I vote?”

Collect Extra Signatures: Candidates are encouraged to collect at least 20% more signatures than required because some may be disallowed either in the certification process or through challenges.

Campaign Finance Activity

Chapter 55 of the Massachusetts General Laws covers all aspects of campaign finance law for state and local elections. The Office of Campaign and Political Finance has prepared comprehensive guides on campaign finance activities as they relate to local candidates, political action committees (PAC's), ballot questions committees, and public employees. For more information, contact Worcester Elections at (508) 799-1134 or OCPF at (617) 979-8300. You can also visit the OCPF website at <http://www.ocpf.us/>.

Reporting Contributions and Expenditures: The Office of Campaign and Political Finance is responsible for receiving and maintaining records for Depository Candidates and Committees (Mayor and City Council). The Worcester Election Office is responsible for receiving and maintaining records for School Committee Candidates.

Keep Complete Records: All candidates and political committees must record money or other things of value received from all sources, and all expenditures and disbursements must be reported and detailed records kept. Laws relating to campaign contributions and expenses are quite detailed and explicit and must be followed carefully.

2023 Municipal Election Calendar

- Tuesday, April 4th, 8:45 am** **First day & hour to access nomination papers @ the offices of the Board of Election Commissioners, Room 208, City Hall.**
- Tuesday, May 30th, 5:00 pm** **Last day & hour for submitting nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners for certification of signatures.**
- Thursday, June 8th, 5:00 pm** **Last day & hour to file a withdrawal or objections to nomination of candidates with the Board of Election Commissioners.**
- Saturday, August 26th** **Last day & hour to register to vote in the Preliminary Election. Office Hours 8 AM – 5 PM**
- Tuesday, Sept. 5th** **Preliminary Election, Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. (if necessary, Worcester Charter Section 7-4f)**
- Tuesday, Sept. 12th** **Last day & hour to decline nomination for election to Mayor, Council, or School Committee and for submitting non-binding public opinion advisory questions for certification of signatures.**
- Saturday, October 28th** **Last day & hour to register to vote in the Municipal Election. Office Hours 8 AM – 5 PM**
- Tuesday, Nov. 7th** **Municipal Election, Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.**

Office Hours

**Monday 8:45 AM - 5:00 PM,
Tuesday - Friday 8:45 AM - 4:15 PM**

Additional Information

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Election Definitions and Helpful Election Information:

- **Board of Election Commissioners:** The City of Worcester Board of Election Commissioners consists of 2 Democrat members and 2 Republican members and 1 Unenrolled member.
- **City Clerk:** The City Clerk provides operational and administrative support to the Board of Election Commissioners and is the City's primary election and voter registration official.
- **Preliminary Election:** This Municipal Preliminary election is held for the purpose of narrowing down the number of candidates whose names shall appear on the official ballot at a municipal election.
- **Municipal Election:** The regular biennial election held for electing officers of the city which generally follows the Preliminary Municipal Election.
- **Wards:** A combination of precincts.
- **Precincts:** Small voting districts that make up a Ward.
- **Districts:** Combination of Wards & Precincts.

2023 Municipal Election Overview

- **Step 1:** Pick Up nomination papers from the Board of Election Commissioners Room 208.
- **Step 2:** Qualify through the signature submission process by collecting the necessary number of certified signatures.
- **Step 3:** Ballot positions – Ballot drawing for the September preliminary.
- **Step 4:** Municipal Preliminary Election.
- **Step 5:** Ballot positions – Ballot drawing for the Municipal Election.
- **Step 6:** Municipal Election.

Ballot Positioning:

The objective of the Ballot Position Drawing is to arbitrarily determine the order in which candidate's names will appear on the ballot. There is a Ballot Position Drawing for the Preliminary Municipal Election, and a second Ballot Position Drawing is held after the Preliminary Municipal Election for the Municipal Election. The Board of Election Commissioners will determine a date and location to host the drawing following the deadline for withdrawals and objections.

The process:

- The ballot position drawing will be conducted by the board of Election Commissioners and will begin with candidates for both district and at large seats, which will take place simultaneously.
- Every Candidate will have the opportunity to be present at the drawing or to send a representative on their behalf.
- Each candidate's information will be placed on to a card and announced in alphabetical order before being placed into a receptacle.
- Candidate information will include the office for which they are seeking (Name, city council or school committee district they reside in, and any statements, if any listed on the nomination paper).
- The information appearing on the card will be displayed on the ballot in the order drawn. The ballot position drawing is a public forum and is broadcast live on the City of Worcester Government Channel.

Election Day

- The polls are open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. Campaigning and electioneering are not allowed within 150 feet of the polling place during voting hours.
- Prohibited electioneering includes but is not limited to circulating any petition, soliciting votes, and displaying campaign signs. Candidates are prohibited from entering any polling location that is not the assigned polling location to vote.
- Election Night: After 8 p.m., candidates, members of the media, and public are invited to observe the vote tabulation from the "Public Viewing Area" in City Hall Room 208 Election Department. Results also live streamed on the city website and the local government channel.

2020 Redistricting

2020 REDISTRICTING OF THE 5 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Every 10 years, the 5 City Council District lines are redrawn by the Worcester Board of Election Commissioners. This process happens after each federal census to make sure that each City Council district is made up of approximately the same number of people. Candidates will likely see new streets and neighborhoods added to the districts in the 2023 Election. The current District City Council will represent the old lines until a new Council is sworn-in in January 2024. For more information visit www.worcesterma.gov/elections.

ELECTING DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

On September 1, 2022, Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2022 was signed into law that changed the Worcester City Charter starting with the 2023 Election. The School Committee will have **SIX** district seats and **TWO** at-large seats. The **SIX** districts are labelled as A, B, C, D, E, and F, which differentiates them from the numbered 5 City Council districts. For more information visit www.worcesterma.gov/elections.



Requisitos para Ocupar Cargo Electoral Local

- ★ Usted debe estar registrado como votante en la ciudad de Worcester.
- ★ **Consejero General:** Cualquier votante es elegible para ocupar el cargo de consejero general, después que el votante haya residido en la ciudad por un período de al menos un año.
- ★ **Consejero Distrital:** Un consejero de distrito en el momento de su elección será un votante del distrito del cual fue elegido y deberá haber residido en él, por un período de al menos un año.
- ★ **Comité Escolar:** Cualquier votante es elegible para ocupar el cargo de miembro del comité escolar, siempre que, haya residido dentro de la ciudad inmediatamente un año antes de la elección.
- ★ **Comité Escolar Distrital:** Un miembro del comité escolar del distrito en el momento de su elección, deberá ser un votante del distrito del cual fue elegido y deberá haber residido en él por un período de al menos un año.
- ★ Solicite los documentos de nominación con la Junta de Comisionados Electorales, Municipio Oficina #208, 455 Main St. Worcester, MA 01608.

Documentos de Nominación

Firmas Requeridas:

Consejero Distrital: 100

Comité Escolar Distrital: 100

Consejero General o Comité Escolar: 300

Antes de distribuir los documentos de nominación para firmas, complete toda la información requerida en cada página de los documentos de nominación: el nombre del candidato, la dirección residencial, la firma del candidato, y la firma del juez de paz o notario público.

Firmas en Documentos de Nominación

Procedimientos: Para ser certificadas todas las firmas en los documentos de nominación deben ser legibles y firmadas en persona, con la dirección en la que están registrados los votantes. Los votantes deben usar direcciones de domicilios y no direcciones postales como números de P.O. Box

Límites Distritales: Las firmas que no están en el Consejo Municipal o el Distrito del Comité Escolar correcto no se pueden contar.

Escribiendo el Nombre del Votante: La ley permite que el votante inserte u omita su segundo nombre o inicial. No use apodos o iniciales en lugar de nombres determinados. No utilice títulos en lugar de un nombre determinado. Para evitar objeciones legales, si está disponible, es aconsejable consultar una lista de votación, y firmar como registrado. La ley ordena a los funcionarios electorales locales que; certifiquen la firma si pueden determinar razonablemente la identidad del votante con la firma proveída. Información del votante se puede encontrar en www.worcesterma.gov, en “**Where do I vote?**” (*¿Dónde Voto?*)

Firmas Adicionales: Se les recomienda a los candidatos recolectar al menos un 20% adicional a las firmas requeridas porque algunas pueden ser rechazadas en el proceso de certificación o validez.

Actividad Financiera de Campaña Electoral

El Capítulo 55 de las Leyes Generales de Massachusetts cubre todos los aspectos de la ley de financiamiento para campañas de elecciones estatales y locales. La Oficina de Campañas y Financiamiento de Política ha preparado una guía sobre las actividades de financiamiento de campañas en relación con los candidatos locales, los comités de acción política (CAP), los comités de preguntas de la boleta electoral y los empleados públicos. Para más información, comuníquese con la oficina de Elecciones de Worcester al (508) 799-1134 o OCPF al (617) 979-8300. También puedes visitar la página de OCPF al <http://www.ocpf.us/> .

Reporte de contribuciones y gastos: La Oficina de Campaña y Financiamiento Político es responsable de recibir y mantener registros para los candidatos y comités depositarios (Alcalde y Consejo Municipal). La Oficina Electoral de Worcester es responsable de recibir y mantener los registros de los candidatos al Comité Escolar.

Mantenga registros completos: Todos los candidatos y comités políticos deben registrar el dinero u otras cosas de valor recibidas de todas las fuentes, todos los gastos y desembolsos deben informarse y mantenerse en registros detallados. Las leyes relativas a las contribuciones y gastos de campaña política son bastante detalladas y explícitas y deben seguirse cuidadosamente.

2023 Calendario Elecciones Municipales

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| Martes, Abril 4, 8:45 am | Primer día y hora para tener acceso a los documentos de Nominación en las oficinas de la Junta de Comisionados Electorales, Municipio - Oficina #208. |
| Martes 30 de Mayo, 5:00 pm | Último día y hora para presentar o entregar los documentos de Nominación a la Junta de Comisionados Electorales para certificación de firmas. |
| Jueves 8 de Junio, 5:00 pm | Último día y hora para presentar un retiro u objeciones a la nominación de candidatos con la Junta de Comisionados Electorales. |
| Sábado 26 de Agosto | Último día y hora para registrarse para votar en las Elecciones Primarias. Horario de Oficina: 8 AM – 5 PM |
| Martes 5 de Septiembre | Elecciones Preliminares, Centros de Votación estarán abiertos desde las 7:00 am hasta las 8:00 pm. (de ser necesario, Worcester Charter Section 7-4f) |
| Martes 12 de Septiembre | Último día y hora para declinar la nominación para elegir Alcalde, Consejo, o Comité Escolar y presentar consultas de opinión pública no vinculadas para la certificación de firmas. |
| Sábado 28 de Octubre | Último día y hora para registrarse para votar en las Elecciones Municipales. Horario de Oficina: 8 AM – 5 PM |
| Martes 7 de Noviembre | Elecciones Municipales, Centros de Votación permanecerán abiertos desde las 7:00 am hasta las 8:00 pm. |

HORAS DE OFICINA

**Lunes 8:45 AM - 5:00 PM,
Martes - Viernes 8:45 AM - 4:15 PM**

Información Adicional

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Definiciones Electorales e Información Electoral Útil:

- **Junta de Comisionados Electorales:** La Junta de Comisionados Electorales de la Ciudad de Worcester consta de; 2 miembros Demócratas; 2 miembros Republicanos y 1 miembro no inscrito.
- **Secretario de la Ciudad:** El Secretario de la Ciudad es el Oficial de Registro de Votantes y Elecciones Primarias de la Ciudad, quien brinda apoyo operativo y administrativo a la Junta de Comisionados Electorales.
- **Elecciones Preliminares:** La Elección Preliminar Municipal se lleva a cabo con el propósito de reducir el número de candidatos cuyos nombres aparecerán en la boleta oficial en las Elecciones Municipales.
- **Elecciones Municipales:** La Elección bienal regular para elegir funcionarios de la ciudad, generalmente sigue a la Elección Municipal Preliminar.
- **Pabellón:** Una combinación de precinto electoral.
- **Precintos:** Pequeños precintos electorales que forman un Pabellón.
- **Distritos:** Combinación de pabellones y precintos electorales.

2023 Visión General de las Elecciones Municipales

- **Paso 1:** Recoger los documentos de Nominación en la Oficina #208 de la Junta de Comisionados Electorales.
- **Paso 2:** Calificar a través del proceso de envío de firmas por medio de la recopilación del número necesario de firmas certificadas.
- **Paso 3:** Posiciones en las Boletas – Sorteo de Boletas para las Elecciones Preliminares de Septiembre.
- **Paso 4:** Elecciones Municipales Preliminares.
- **Paso 5:** Posiciones en las Boletas – Sorteo de Boletas para las Elecciones Municipales
- **Paso 6:** Elecciones Municipales.

Posición en la Boleta:

El objetivo del sorteo es para determinar arbitrariamente la posición en la cual aparecerán los nombres de los candidatos en la boleta. En las Elecciones Municipales Preliminares se realizará un sorteo de posición.

Después de las Elecciones Municipales Preliminares, se realizará un segundo sorteo para la posición en la boleta en las Elecciones Municipales. La Junta de Comisionados Electorales determinará la fecha y lugar para albergar el sorteo después de la fecha límite para retiros y objeciones.

El Proceso:

- El sorteo para la posición en la boleta será conducido por la Junta de Comisionados Electorales y comenzará con los candidatos para ambos Distritos y los puestos por acumulación, lo cual tomará lugar simultáneamente.
- Cada candidato tendrá la oportunidad de estar presente el día del sorteo o enviar un representante en su nombre.
- La información de cada candidato se colocará en una tarjeta y se anunciará en orden alfabético antes de colocarse en un receptáculo.
- La información del Candidato debe incluir la oficina para la cual ellos se están postulando. (Nombre, Consejo de la Ciudad o Distrito del Comité Escolar en el cual reside; y cualquier otra declaración presente en la nominación).
- La información que aparece en la tarjeta se mostrará en la boleta en el orden que se sortearon. El sorteo de la posición de la boleta es un foro público y se transmite en vivo en el Canal del Gobierno de la Ciudad de Worcester.

Día de Elección

- Los Centros de Votación abrirán 7A.M. hasta las 8 P.M. Durante el horario establecido **No** se permiten propagandas o campañas electorales, en un rango no menor a 150 pies del lugar de votación.
- La prohibición de campaña electoral incluye, entre otros, la circulación de cualquier petición, la solicitud de votos y la exhibición de carteles.
- Noche de Elecciones: se invita a los candidatos, los miembros de los medios de comunicación y al público en general; a observar desde el “Área de visualización pública”: la tabulación de votos después de las 8 P.M en el Municipio, Departamento de Elecciones Oficina #208. Los resultados también se transmiten en vivo en el sitio web de la ciudad y el canal del Gobierno local.

2020 Redistribución

2020 REDISTRIBUCIÓN DE LOS 5 DISTRITOS DEL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL

Cada 10 años, las 5 líneas de división distrital de la ciudad son rediseñadas por la Junta de Comisionados Electorales de Worcester. Este proceso ocurre después de cada censo federal para asegurarse que cada distrito de la ciudad esté compuesto aproximadamente por la misma cantidad de personas.

Es probable que los Candidatos noten calles y vecindarios adicionales en sus Distritos en las Elecciones 2023. Su Consejero Distrital actual continuará representando su Distrito hasta que el nuevo Consejo sea elegido y posicionado en Enero 2024. Para más información visite: www.worcesterma.gov/elections.

ELECCIÓN DE MIEMBROS DEL DISTRITO DEL COMITÉ ESCOLAR

El 1 de septiembre de 2022, el Capítulo 208 de las Leyes de 2022 aprobó la Ley que cambió la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad de Worcester vigente para las Elecciones de 2023. El Comité Escolar será representado por **SEIS** escaños distritales y **DOS** escaños generales. Los **SEIS** Distritos serán etiquetados A, B, C, D, E y F, diferente a los 5 Distritos numerados del Municipio. Para más información visite: www.worcesterma.gov