

**Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall**

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the October 25th Meeting

New Business

- 1. Feedback from the November 5th Municipal Election.**
- 2. Discussion regarding the request from Councilors Morris A. Bergman and Kate Toomey to provide snacks and water to poll workers on Election Day.**
- 3. Discussion concerning the implementation of Early Voting (EV) for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary.**
- 4. Preparation for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary.**
- 5. Preparation for the 2020 Street Listing. Discussion concerning the 2020 Federal Census insert.**
- 6. Discussion concerning the possibility of relocating Ward 4 - Precinct 2 Polling Location. The current location is American Legion East Post, 326 Plantation St.**
- 7. Discussion concerning the possibility of relocating Ward 7 - Precinct 3 Polling Location. The current location is Coes Pond Village, 39 First St.**
- 8. Discussion concerning the possibility of relocating Ward 8 - Precinct 5 Polling Location. The current location is St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 695 Southbridge St.**

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:

**Board of Election Commissioners Meeting Friday, October 25, 2019
6:00 p.m. Levi Lincoln Chamber, City Hall**

Call to Order by the Chairperson VanderSpek

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner McCallum, Commissioner Octave, Commissioner Stewart, and Commissioner VanderSpek

Approval of the Minutes of the September 25th Meeting

Minutes Approved

New Business

1. Certifying Donna M. Colorio of 10 Homer Street as a new member of the School Committee for the term expiring December 31, 2019.

On a roll call, the board voted unanimously to certify Ms. Colorio as a new member of School Committee given the death of former school committee member, Brian O'Connell who passed away prior to the expiration of his term.

2. Discussion regarding a notification to voters about the death of School Committee member Brian A. O'Connell.

The city asked the board to consider allowing for a notice to be placed at all voting locations to make it known that Mr. O'Connell had passed away and to explain the process by which votes assigned to Mr. O'Connell will be handled. A motion was made to allow for this notification.

Roll Call: Commissioner Duffy (yes), Commissioner McCallum (yes), Commissioner Octave (yes), Commissioner Stewart (no), Commissioner VanderSpek (yes)—Motion passes

3. Communication from the City Solicitor regarding a tie-vote in Municipal Elections.

The board was provided with a report from the City Solicitor regarding various ways in which other municipalities have addressed ties during elections. However, the report did not necessarily address how the city of Worcester might move forward in the event of a tie. A motion was made to request that the City Solicitor come to a meeting to provide additional guidance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Duffy (no), Commissioner McCallum (yes), Commissioner Octave (no), Commissioner Stewart (yes), Commissioner VanderSpek (no)—Motion fails

4. Discussion regarding certification of elections results by the City Clerk.

At the previous board meeting, there was a discussion concerning whether certification of election results is a function of the City Clerk or the Board of Election Commissioners. Assistant City Clerk Vangjeli provided the board with information from last year's election which showed that the City Clerk's signature serves as the official certification. There remains a disagreement about whether this is the case.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:

December 4, 2019 @6:30pm

CITY OF WORCESTER

ORDERED: That

The Board of Election Commissioners be and is hereby requested to confer with the Election Commission as to the advisability of providing snacks and water to poll workers on election days.

In City Council

November 12, 2019

Order adopted

A Copy. Attest:


Susan M. Ledoux
City Clerk

2020 Presidential Primary Early Voting Schedule

If you are registered to vote in the City of Worcester,
you may take advantage of Early Voting
Monday, February 24th through Friday, February 28th
at any of the following locations:

Date	Time	Location
Monday, February 24th	8:45am to 6pm	
Tuesday, February 25th	8:45am to 6pm	
Wednesday, February 26th	8:45am to 6pm	
Thursday, February 27th	8:45am to 6pm	
Friday, February 28th	8:45am to 6pm	

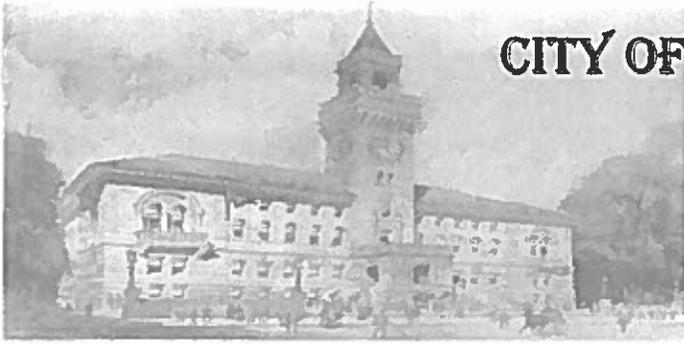
For more information visit www.worcesterma.gov.

William Francis Galvin
 Secretary of the Commonwealth
 Elections Division
 One Ashburton Place, Room 1705
 Boston, MA 02108
 617-727-2828 or 800-462-VOTE

2020 Presidential Primary Calendar of Events

Subject to change by the General Court

Calendar of Events	Deadline Dates
Last day for city and town committees to notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the number of members to be elected to each ward and town committee.	Thursday, August 1, 2019
Nomination Papers available at the Election Division in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and some city and town clerks' offices for ward, town and state committees.	Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Last day for a candidate running for ward, town or state committee to enroll in the party.	Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Nomination papers available for presidential candidates.	Tuesday, September 24, 2019
★ 5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to submit ward, town and state committee nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.	Friday, November 8, 2019
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for ward, town and state committees.	Friday, November 15, 2019
★ 5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to file ward, town and state committee nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Tuesday, November 19, 2019
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to file withdrawals or objections to ward, town and state committee nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Friday, November 22, 2019
★ 5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to submit presidential candidates' nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.	Friday, December 20, 2019
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures for presidential candidates' nomination papers.	Friday, December 27, 2019
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for presidential candidates to apply to Registrars of Voters for review of non-certified signatures.	Monday, December 30, 2019
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures for presidential candidates.	Thursday, January 2, 2020
★ 5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to file presidential candidates' nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Friday, January 3, 2020
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to file objections to presidential candidates' nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Wednesday, January 8, 2020
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for presidential candidates to file an affidavit of withdrawal with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Friday, January 10, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for the Presidential Primary (in towns with fewer than 1,500 voters, registration sessions must be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Presidential Primary	Tuesday, March 3, 2020



CITY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO WORCESTER RESIDENTS SUBJECT: 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS

This year, there will be a federal census mailed to you in March by the U.S. Census Bureau. This census is performed every 10 years. The 2020 United States Census is separate from the Worcester annual street listing, which is often called the local census. This annual street listing document is used to confirm your residency and keep your voter registration status ACTIVE and up to date. It is important to return both your annual street listing and the United States Census.

The 2020 Census count will be used to ensure that Worcester and Massachusetts receives our fair share of federal money along with political representation for the next 10 years. Representation in the United States Congress and the Electoral College is based on United State Census responses.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE U.S. CENSUS:

Q: What is the United States Census?

A: The census is a count of everyone living in the United States. This mandatory count is required by the U.S. Constitution.

Q: Who gets counted?

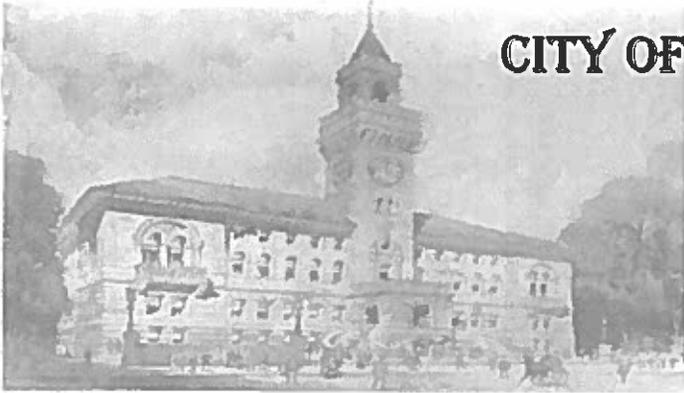
A: Everyone. All people residing in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, background -- citizens and non-citizens. **Federal law protects the personal information you provide during the census.**

Q: When will the census happen?

A: March 2020. The United States Census is conducted every 10 years. Census invitations will be mailed or delivered to every household in the nation starting in mid-March. The survey will ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household or where you reside most of the year, as of April 1, 2020.

If you have any questions concerning the Worcester annual street listing, you may contact the Worcester Election Office at 508-799-1134.

If you have questions about the 2020 United States Census, you may call the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Census Division at 1-833-MA1-2020.



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MENSAJE IMPORTANTE PARA LOS RESIDENTES DE WORCESTER TEMA: CENSO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS 2020

En Marzo de este año, se le enviará por correo un censo federal por parte del Departamento del Censo de los Estados Unidos. Este censo se realiza cada 10 años. El censo de los Estados Unidos 2020 es diferente a la lista anual de calles, mejor conocido como censo local. La lista anual de calles es utilizada para confirmar su residencia y para mantener su estado de registro de votante al día. Es importante que devuelva **ambos**, la lista anual de calles y el censo de los Estados Unidos en 2020.

El conteo del censo 2020 será utilizado para asegurarnos de que *Worcester* y Massachusetts reciban su parte justa de dinero federal y de representación política para los próximos 10 años. *La representación en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos y en el Colegio Electoral se basa en las respuestas del Censo de los Estados Unidos.*

PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES SOBRE EL CENSO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS:

Q: ¿Qué es el censo de los Estados Unidos?

A: El censo es un conteo de todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos. Este conteo es obligatorio ya que es requerido por la Constitución de los Estados Unidos.

Q: ¿Quién es contado?

A: Todos. Todas las personas que residen en los Estados Unidos deben ser contadas. Esto incluye a personas de todas las edades, orígenes – ciudadanos y no ciudadanos. **La ley Federal protege la información personal que usted provea en el censo.**

Q: ¿Cuándo se llevará a cabo?

A: Marzo 2020. El censo de los Estados Unidos se realiza cada 10 años. Las invitaciones del censo serán enviadas por correo o entregadas a cada casa de la nación empezando a mediados de Marzo. La encuesta le preguntará por información precisa sobre su casa o sobre el lugar donde reside la mayoría del año, hasta el 1 de Abril de 2020.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la lista anual de calles de Worcester, puede llamar a la Oficina de Elecciones de Worcester: 508-799-1134.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el censo de los Estados Unidos 2020, puede llamar a la División del Censo en la oficina de Secretary of the Commonwealth: 1-833-MA1-2020.