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**CITY OF BOSTON
ELECTION CALL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**Board of Election Commissioners
Boston City Hall, Room 241
Boston, Ma. 02201**

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IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of law, notice is hereby given that meetings of all voters in this City qualified to vote, will be held in all polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners on

TUESDAY THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021

And all such members will on such date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, cast their votes for nomination for:

**MAYOR
CITY COUNCILLOR at LARGE
CITY COUNCILLOR DISTRICT ONE
CITY COUNCILLOR DISTRICT TWO
CITY COUNCILLOR DISTRICT THREE
CITY COUNCILLOR DISTRICT FOUR
CITY COUNCILLOR DISTRICT FIVE
CITY COUNCILLOR DISTRICT SIX
CITY COUNCILLOR DISTRICT SEVEN
CITY COUNCILLOR DISTRICT EIGHT
CITY COUNCILLOR DISTRICT NINE**

Question 1 (Binding)

Shall this city approve the charter amendment proposed by the city council summarized below?

Summary of Proposed Charter Amendment

The proposed amendment to the Boston City Charter would change the City of Boston's budget process in several ways.

Under the proposed amendment, the Mayor and City Council would hold budgetary powers together, with the power to modify and amend appropriation orders. As is the case now, under the amendment only the Mayor may initially submit a budget or appropriation order. Currently, the City Council can adopt or reject a budget, or reduce specific items in a budget. Under the proposed amendment, the City Council would have the ability to amend the budget by reallocating funds among existing or new line items. The total amount of the City Council's amended version of the budget, however, could not exceed the total amount of the budget proposed

by the Mayor. The Mayor could accept or reject the City Council's version of the budget, or amend any line item in the City Council's version of the budget. The City Council would have the ability to override the Mayor's veto or amendments by a two-thirds vote. In addition, the Mayor and City Council would also be able to amend the Boston Public School budget, subject to existing laws providing that only the Boston School Committee may originate a school budget or allocate spending within a school budget.

The proposed amendment also requires the City Council and Mayor to create by ordinance an independent Office of Participatory Budgeting, including an external oversight board, to further public engagement with public spending. Under the proposed amendment, the office could create and oversee an equitable and binding decision-making process open to all Boston residents. The structure of the office and oversight board, and the binding decision-making process on the budget, would be described in the future ordinance enacted by the City Council and Mayor.

Question 2 Non-binding
Eversource Substation In East Boston

“Should a high voltage, electric substation be built at 400 Condor Street in East Boston, along the Chelsea Creek, near homes, parks, playgrounds, jet fuel storage, and in a flood risk area rather than in a nearby alternative safe and secure location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport?”

Question 3 Non-binding
School Committee

“Should the Current appointed school committee structure be changed to a school committee elected by the residents of Boston?”

The polls at said meetings will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.
Information as to the locations of polling places may be obtained at the office of the Election Commissioners in Room 241, Boston City Hall.

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