

ELECTION INFORMATION
2009 Melrose City Election

The regular Biennial City Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

At this election, the following officials are to be chosen for a term of **FOUR YEARS**.

Three (3) MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, to be chosen by and from the qualified voters of the entire city.

The following officials are to be chosen for a term of **TWO YEARS**.

Four (4) ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE, to be chosen by and from the qualified voters of the entire city.

One (1) ALDERMAN, to be chosen by and from the qualified voters of each of the seven (7) wards.

NOMINATION PAPERS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING MAY 4, 2009 for the several offices to be filled at this election. Nomination papers may be obtained only by a candidate or a person presenting the signed authorization for a candidate. The last day to obtain nomination papers for all candidates will be Friday, September 11th. The last day to submit nomination papers will be no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15th for all candidates.

Prior to obtaining nomination papers, each candidate must file with the Election Office, a statement containing his/her name and address and the office for which he/she intends to run.

Before any voter may be permitted to sign a nomination paper, said paper must be completely filled out with the candidate's name and address (number and street) as they appear on the 2009 voting list and the office to which he/she seeks nomination.

The minimum of signatures* to be certified, on nomination papers to place candidates in nomination for the several offices to be filled is as follows:

Alderman At Large	130	Alderman Ward TWO	20	Alderman Ward FIVE	20
School Committee	130	Alderman Ward THREE	20	Alderman Ward SIX	20
Alderman Ward ONE	20	Alderman Ward FOUR	20	Alderman Ward SEVEN	20

CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE

All candidates are subject to the M.G.L's on Campaign and Political Finance

ARRANGEMENTS OF NAMES ON BALLOT

A "drawing of lot" will be held by the Election Office to decide the order of names of candidates on the City Election Ballot. The drawing for the General Election will be held on Monday, October 5, 2009 for all candidates (Acts of General Court, 1977, Chapter 177 section 1).

(*1% of the entire vote cast for Governor at the preceding biennial State Election in the electoral district or division for which the officers are to be elected...MGL Chapter 53 Section 6)

2009 ELECTION CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 4TH	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Nomination papers available for all offices to be filled at this election.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 TH	5:00 PM	Last day and hour for candidates to OBTAIN nomination papers for all offices to be filled at this election.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 TH	5:00 PM	Last day and hour for candidates to SUBMIT nomination papers to the Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH	5:00 PM	Last day and hour for candidates to FILE nomination papers with the Elections Office in order to authorize the printing of their names on the ballot.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 ST	5:00 PM	Last day and hour for objections to, or withdrawals from any nomination. Any request for withdrawal must be <u>in writing and notarized.</u>
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 TH	10:00 AM	“DRAWING BY LOT” of names on the ballot.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th	8:00 PM	LAST DAY AND HOUR TO REGISTER TO VOTE. [For participation in the City Election]
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 th	4:00 PM	CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DUE (8 th day preceding election) Remember: there is a \$10.00 per day fine payable to the state by the candidate for each day report is late
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 rd	7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM	ELECTION DAY [Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM]
WED., JANUARY 20, 2010	4:00 PM	CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DUE (year end report)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, up to and including Wednesday, October 14, 2009, in the Election Office or by utilizing a Massachusetts Official Mail-In Voter Registration Form.