



AGENDA PACKET

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025 6:00 PM

**EVERETT CITY HALL, 484 BROADWAY, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR
EVERETT, MA 02149**

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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **C0089-25** Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Guerline Alcy-Jabouin
A Home Rule Petition proposing changes to the City Charter to create term limits for the offices of Mayor, City Council, & School Committee
2. **C0121-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President
An order requesting confirmation on the appointment of Belushi Previlon to the Cultural Council for a term of three years expiring May 1, 2028
3. **C0123-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President
An order requesting the confirmation on the re-appointment of Carol Garrett to the Council on Aging for a term of Two (2) years expiring May 1, 2027
4. **C0138-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President
An order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Beninson Pena to the position of City Assessor for a one-year term ending May 1, 2026
5. **C0141-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President
An order to amend the City of Everett's Administrative Code to create a separate and distinct position of City Auditor.
6. **C0143-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen
That the City of Everett submit the question of whether to build a professional soccer

stadium on lower Broadway to the voters of Everett during the City's biennial municipal election which is to be held in November of 2025.

7. C0144-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting that the City Council vote to rescind its designation of the position of Board of Assessors as a special municipal employee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 268A, as of June 30, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted:

Michael J. Mangan

Legislative Aide
Everett City Council Office



C0089-25

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilor Michael K. Marchese, Councilor Stephanie Martins

Date: March 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

An Order to amend the City of Everett Charter Sections

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:



CITY COUNCILNo.C089-25

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE

An Order to amend the City of Everett Charter Sections

/s/Councilors Michael Marchese and Stephanie Martins

Be it ordered: By the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts, as follows:

WHEREAS, many municipalities in the Commonwealth allow for term limits of their elected officials, and

WHEREAS, each municipality is authorized by the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution and G.L. c.43B, the Home Rule Procedures Act, to select a form and structure of government most appropriate for its unique circumstances; and

WHEREAS, term limits will be established in Everett with the express understanding that such limits will only affect a person's service in that particular elected position, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the process required to determine eligibility for office and make such process uniform across elected offices; and

WHEREAS, such proposed special legislation does not cut short or otherwise terminate the term of any incumbent elected officials, and provides for the implementation of term limits over the next two terms.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that, consistent with the City of Everett's authority under Section 8 of the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, that the following special legislation amending the City of Everett Charter be filed with the City's State Representative and State Senator, and further, that the City Council President and Mayor be authorized to take such action as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

An Act Relative to Terms of Elected Officials in the City of Everett

SECTION 1. The city of Everett home rule charter as on file with the archivist of the commonwealth, as required by section 12 of chapter 43B of the general laws, is hereby amended

by inserting, at the end of subsection 1(b) of section 2 the following:- Councilors, whether district and/or at-large, shall serve no longer than six consecutive full terms of service. A councilor who has served 6 consecutive full terms shall again be eligible for election as a councilor when 1 year has passed following the expiration of their 6th term of service; provided, however, that such councilor shall nevertheless be eligible for election to any other office.

SECTION 2. Subsection 1(b) of section 3 of said charter shall hereby be amended by deleting the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following: - The term of office for the mayor shall be 4 years. A mayor who has served 2 consecutive full terms shall again be eligible for election as a mayor when 1 year has passed following the expiration of their 3rd term of service; provided, however, that such mayor shall nevertheless be eligible for election to any other office.

SECTION 3. Said charter of the city of Everett shall hereby be further amended by inserting, at the end of subsection 1(b) of section 4, the following: - School committee members, whether district and/or at-large, shall serve no longer than six consecutive full terms of service. A school committee member who has served 6 consecutive full terms shall again be eligible for election as a school committee member when 1 year has passed following the expiration of their 6th term of service; provided, however, that such school committee member shall nevertheless be eligible for election to any other office.

SECTION 4. All incumbent elected officials holding office on the effective date of this act shall be deemed to have served 1 term for the purposes of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

A true copy attest



Sergio Cornelio

Sergio Cornelio, City Clerk



CITY COUNCILNo.0089-25
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE

An Order to amend the City of Everett Charter Sections

/s/Councilor Michael Marchese, Stephanie Martins and Guerline Alcy Jabouin

Be it ordered: By the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts, as follows:

WHEREAS, many municipalities in the Commonwealth allow for term limits of their elected officials, and

WHEREAS, each municipality is authorized by the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution and G.L. c.43B, the Home Rule Procedures Act, to select a form and structure of government most appropriate for its unique circumstances; and

WHEREAS, term limits will be established in Everett with the express understanding that such limits will only affect a person's service in that particular elected position, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the process required to determine eligibility for office and make such process uniform across elected offices; and

WHEREAS, such proposed special legislation does not cut short or otherwise terminate the term of any incumbent elected officials, and provides for the implementation of term limits over the next two terms.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that, consistent with the City of Everett's authority under Section 8 of the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, that the following special legislation amending the City of Everett Charter be filed with the City's State Representative and State Senator, and further, that the City Council President and Mayor be authorized to take such action as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

An Act Relative to Terms of Elected Officials in the City of Everett

SECTION 1. The city of Everett home rule charter as on file with the archivist of the commonwealth, as required by section 12 of chapter 43B of the general laws, is hereby amended

by inserting, at the end of subsection 1(b)(2) of Article 2 the following: - Councilors, whether district and/or at-large, shall serve no longer than six consecutive full terms of service. A Councilor who has served 6 consecutive full terms shall again be eligible for election as a councilor when 1 year has passed following the expiration of their 6th term of service; provided, however, that such councilor shall nevertheless be eligible for election to any other office.

SECTION 2. Subsection 1(b)(2) of Article 3 of said charter shall hereby be amended by deleting the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following: - The term of office for the mayor shall be 4 years. A mayor who has served 3 consecutive full terms shall again be eligible for election as a mayor when 1 year has passed following the expiration of their 3rd term of service; provided, however, that such mayor shall nevertheless be eligible for election to any other office.

SECTION 3. Said charter of the city of Everett shall hereby be further amended by inserting, at the end of subsection 1(b)(4) of Article 4, the following: - School committee members, whether district and/or at-large, shall serve no longer than six consecutive full terms of service. A school committee member who has served 6 consecutive full terms shall again be eligible for election as a school committee member when 1 year has passed following the expiration of their 6th term of service; provided, however, that such school committee member shall nevertheless be eligible for election to any other office.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

A true copy attest



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sergio Cornelio".

Sergio Cornelio, City Clerk

#4- C0089-25

Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
March 24, 2025

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Robert Van Campen, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, Stephanie Smith, Katy Rogers and Stephanie Martins, as ex-officio.

The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilors Michael Marchese, Stephanie Martins and Guerline Alcy-Jabouin: A Home Rule Petition proposing changes to the City Charter to create term limits for the offices of Mayor, City Council and the School Committee.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio was also present.

Chairman Van Campen informed the Committee that former Councilor Fred Capone had presented a similar piece for term limits before the Charter Review Commission at its last meeting, but that it was ultimately the City Council that would finalize the matter of term limits. Councilor Marchese remarked that he wasn't happy with the proposed term for Mayor. Councilor Rogers also expressed concern noting that there were many questions that needed to be answered and didn't want to see the City Council rush this decision to insure that it was fair across the board with it starting in the next election cycle of 2026. Council President Martins reminded the Committee that this issue was approved by the Council in 2022 but was vetoed by the Mayor with the intent of it becoming effective upon passage. She agreed the proposal still needed some work. Chairman Van Campen remarked that term limits makes good sense. Councilor Smith concurred but expressed some concerns on the limits placed on the City Council. Council President Martins explained that the current proposal was conservative start to get something going. Chairman Van Campen agreed to provide the Capone proposal for review which he felt was similar to the one being proposed by the City Council that could be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

Proposed Charter change

SECTION 9-12 Term Limits

- 1) a. Mayor – no individual shall serve more than three consecutive elected terms as mayor;

b. City council – no individual shall serve more than five consecutive elected terms on the city council, regardless whether the consecutive terms are as a ward councilor and/or as a councilor-at-large;

c. School committee – no individual shall serve more than five consecutive elected terms on the school committee, regardless whether the consecutive terms are as a ward school committee member and/or as a school committee member-at-large;
- 2) Appointments and/or special elections to fill an elected office vacancy shall not count against the term limits set forth in paragraph 1 above;
- 3) Once an individual has separated from his/her former elected office for at least one full term, term limit restrictions as per that office shall reset;
- 4) Term limits as set forth herein shall not prohibit:
 - a. a mayor from seeking election to the school committee or to the city council following a third consecutive elected term as mayor;
 - b. a member of the city council from seeking election to the office of mayor or to the school committee following a fifth consecutive elected term as a city councilor;
 - c. a member of the school committee from seeking election to the office of mayor or to the city council following a fifth consecutive elected term as a school committee member.

#2- C0089-25

Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
April 14, 2025

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Robert Van Campen, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, Stephanie Smith, Katy Rogers and Stephanie Martins, as ex-officio.

The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Michael Marchese, Councilor Stephanie Martins and Councilor Guerline Alcy-Jabouin: A Home Rule Petition proposing changes to the City Charter to create term limits for the offices of Mayor, City Council & School Committee.

The Committee discussed the term limit proposals offered by Councilors Marchese and Martins versus the proposal offered by former Councilor Fred Capone. Councilor Marchese recommended that the Mayor serve only 2 consecutive terms and that the City Council/School Committee serve only 6 consecutive terms, however Chairman Van Campen noted that the Fred Capone proposal recommended that the Mayor serve no more than 3 consecutive terms and the City Council School Committee serve not more than 5 consecutive terms. The Committee voted 3 to 2 for the Mayor to serve only 2 consecutive terms with Councilors Van Campen, Marchese and Martins in favor with Councilors Smith and Rogers in opposition. The Committee voted unanimously that the City Council/School Committee serve no more than 6 consecutive terms. Councilor Martins recommended amending Section 2 in Councilor Marchese's proposal by changing "3rd term of service" with "2nd term of service" and she recommended further that the proposal only reflect elected years of service and not appointed years of service. Chairman Van Campen recommended that the Appointments/Special elections section in the Fred Capone proposal into the Councilor Marchese proposal. Councilor Rogers asked if the Mayor upon the expiration of his 2nd term could then run for a City Council Office and the same upon the expiration of a City Councilors term in office could they run for a School Committee seat and Chairman Van Campen responded that there was nothing to prohibit that in the current proposals. Councilor Rogers inquired what if a Ward Councilor could then run for an At large City Council seat upon the expiration of their 6 consecutive term and Chairman Van Campen acknowledged that this needed to be addressed. Councilor Smith requested that the matter remain in Committee so it could be worked on further before being recommended out to the full body.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees



CITY COUNCIL.....No. 0000-24

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

**A HOME RULE PETITION PROPOSING CHANGES TO THE CITY CHARTER TO
CREATE TERM LIMITS FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, &
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

15/Councillors Michael K. Marchese & Stephen J. Martins,

Whereas, Many municipalities in the Commonwealth allow for term limits of their elected officials, and

Whereas, Each municipality is authorized by the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution and G.L. c.41B, the Home Rule Procedures Act, to select a form and structure of government most appropriate for its unique circumstances, and

Whereas, Term limits will be established in Everett with the express understanding that such limits will only affect a person's service in one particular elected position, and

Whereas, There is a need to simplify the process required to determine eligibility for office and make such process uniform across elected offices, and

Whereas, Such proposed special legislation does not cut short or otherwise terminate the term of any incumbent elected officials, and provides for the implementation of term limits over the next two terms.

Now, therefore, by the authority granted under Section 8 of the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution to the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts, with the concurrence of His Honor, The Mayor:

Be It Ordered that the following special legislation amending the City of Everett Charter be filed with the City's State Representative and State Senator, and further, that the City Council President and Mayor be authorized to take such action as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

An Act Relative to Terms of Elected Officials in the City of Everett

SECTION 1. The city of Everett home rule charter as on file with the archivist of the commonwealth, as required by section 12 of chapter 41B of the general laws, is hereby amended by inserting, at the end of subsection 1(b) of section 2 the following: "Councilors, who shall be elected to office, shall serve no longer than 6 consecutive full terms of service. A councilor

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SECTION 3. Said charter of the city of Everett shall hereby be further amended by inserting at the end of subsection (6) of said charter the following language: "The members of the committee shall consist of six members appointed by the board of directors, one from each of the four wards, and two from the community-at-large. The members shall serve for a term of three years, with one-third of the members being elected each year. A member who has served five consecutive full terms of service as a school committee member shall not be eligible for reelection. No person shall be eligible for election as a school committee member more than the maximum of two full terms of service following the expiration of his or her second term of service." The amendment shall be subject to approval by the voters of the city of Everett at the next general election. If approved, the amendment shall nevertheless be eligible for election to any other office, position, or duty held by the member.

Partnerships Not Possible

SECTION 66 This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Sergio Cordoba
Sergio Cordoba, City Clerk

Sergio Comedio, City Clerk



City of
Everett
Massachusetts

C0121-25

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Stephanie Martins
Date: April 14, 2025

Agenda Item:

An order requesting confirmation on the appointment of Belushi Previlon to the Cultural Council for a term of Three (3) expiring May 1, 2028

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:



CARLO DeMARIA
MAYOR

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April 2, 2025

The Honorable City Council
Everett City Hall
484 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

Dear Honorable Members:

Please be advised that in accordance with Section 3-3 of the City Charter and, Section N (II)(a) of the City of Everett Administrative Code, I hereby appoint, subject to confirmation by the City Council, Belushi Previlon to the Cultural Council for a term of Three (3) expiring May 1, 2028.

Thank you for your favorable consideration in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



April 2, 2025
City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

Bill Number:
Bill Type: Order

Be it
Ordered: BY City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as
follows:

To appoint Belushi Previlon to the Cultural Council in
accordance with Section 3-3 of the City Charter and, Section N
(II)(a) of the City of Everett Administrative Code for a three-year
term, expiring on May 1, 2028.



C0123-25

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Stephanie Martins
Date: April 14, 2025

Agenda Item:

An order requesting the confirmation on the re-appointment of Carol Garrett to the Council on Aging for a term of Two (2) years expiring May 1, 2027

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:



CARLO DeMARIA
MAYOR

CITY OF EVERETT - OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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April 2, 2025

The Honorable City Council
Everett City Hall
484 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

Dear Honorable Members:

Please be advised that in accordance with Section 3-3 of the City Charter and, Section B (II)(a)(b) of the City of Everett Administrative Code, I hereby re-appoint, subject to confirmation by the City Council, Carol Garrett to the Council on Aging for a term of Two (2) years expiring May 1, 2027.

Thank you for your favorable consideration in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



April 2, 2025
City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

Bill Number:
Bill Type: Order

Be it
Ordered: BY City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as
follows:

I hereby submit for your approval the appointment of Carol
Garrett to the Council on Aging for a term of Two (2) years
expiring May 1, 2027.



City of
Everett
Massachusetts

C0138-25

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilor Stephanie Martins

Date: April 14, 2025

Agenda Item:

An order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Beninson Pena to the position of City Assessor for a one-year term ending May 1, 2026

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:



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April 9, 2025

Honorable City Council
484 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

Dear Honorable Members:

Please be advised that in accordance with Section 3-3 of the City Charter and, Section IV(H)(VII)(a) of the City of Everett Administrative Code, I hereby appoint, subject to confirmation by the City Council, Beninson Pena to the position of City Assessor for a one-year term ending May 1, 2026.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



April 9, 2025
City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

Bill Number:
Bill Type: Order

Be it
Ordered: BY City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as
follows:

I hereby appoint, subject to confirmation by the City Council,
and accordance with Section 3-3 of the City Charter and,
Section IV(H)(VII)(a) of the City of Everett Administrative Code,
Beninson Pena to the position of City Assessor for a one-year
term ending May 1,2026.



C0141-25

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Stephanie Martins
Date: April 14, 2025

Agenda Item:

An order to amend the City of Everett's Administrative Code to create a separate and distinct position of City Auditor.

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:

CITY OF EVERETT
Office of the Mayor

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



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April 9, 2025

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
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Everett, Massachusetts 02149

RE: C0078-25

Dear Honorable Members:

I am providing you with a further update on action I have taken in response to the above-referenced resolution.

I am submitting to the Council an order that proposes to amend the City of Everett's Administrative Code to create a separate and distinct position of City Auditor. The proposed language is intended to make it clear that the individual in the position of City Auditor shall not hold any other office. The proposed effective date of July 1, 2025 is to allow for the inclusion of funding for the City Auditor position as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, assuming legislative action is taken to approve the establishment of a separate and distinct City Auditor position.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



April 9, 2025

City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

Bill Number:
Bill Type: Order

Be it
Ordered: BY City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as follows:

Section IV of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by striking out the existing language in subsection H and inserting in place the following new language:-

II. Chief Financial Officer-Generally Appointment

- a. Supervision of the office of financial services and all offices and departments under its control shall be vested in the chief financial officer (CFO) of the city of Everett. The CFO shall not exercise any control or authority over the Office of the City Auditor.

The CFO is a management and policy level position as defined by MGL c. 150E and is therefore not eligible for membership in a bargaining unit.

- b. The CFO of the city of Everett shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council for a term not to exceed 3 years from the date of appointment. The CFO shall not also serve as either the city auditor or the treasurer/collector.
- c. In addition to supervising and directing the effective functioning of the departments of assessing, auditing, treasury/collecting and procurement, the CFO shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- i. To ensure that the Budget Director compiles and submits an annual operating budget and an annual capital budget to the Mayor. The CFO shall assist the Budget Director by ensuring that every City department furnishes requests for the expenditure of City funds in a form deemed to be best suited to show a complete financial plan for all City funds and activities for the ensuing fiscal year.
 - ii. At the direction of the Mayor, the CFO shall submit annually to the Mayor a five-year capital improvements program.
 - iii. At the direction of the Mayor, the CFO shall submit to the Mayor a five-year financial forecast of the City's revenue, expenditures and debt.
 - iv. To disburse, as City government operations may require, all funds and sign all checks pursuant to warrants signed by the Mayor and City Auditor, to ensure the efficient operation of government.
 - v. To communicate financial matters affecting City government to the Mayor and the City Council on request.
 - vi. To coordinate and act as the City's chief contact with the State Department of Revenue pertaining to all financial matters.
 - vii. To coordinate and manage all financial information received from the Board of Assessors to forecast future financial growth and anticipated revenues and advise the Mayor accordingly.
 - viii. To create and implement written policies and procedures and be responsible for the collection and deposit of all monies received by various City agencies.
- d. The CFO shall have an affirmative obligation to report to the City Auditor any identified instances in which the city's internal controls have not been followed.

Subsection H of Section IV of the Administrative Code is hereby amended in paragraph III by inserting at the end thereof the following new clause:-

- a. The City Auditor shall be independent of the CFO and may not also hold the position of CFO or Treasurer/Collector. The City Auditor is a management and policy level position as defined by MGL c. 150E and is therefore not eligible for membership in a bargaining unit.

This language shall become effective as of July 1, 2025.



C0143-25

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Robert J. Van Campen
Date: April 14, 2025

Agenda Item:

That the City of Everett submit the question of whether to build a professional soccer stadium on lower Broadway to the voters of Everett during the City's biennial municipal election which is to be held in November of 2025.

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:

Part I	ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
Title VIII	ELECTIONS
Chapter 53	NOMINATIONS, QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS, PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES
Section 18A	NONBINDING PUBLIC OPINION ADVISORY QUESTIONS ON LOCAL BALLOTS

Section 18A. As used in this section "governing body" shall mean, in a city, the city council acting with the approval of the mayor subject to the provisions of the charter of said city, in a town having a town council, the town council, and in every other town the board of selectmen.

A nonbinding public opinion advisory question may be placed on the ballot for a regular municipal election in any city or town no later than the thirty-fifth day preceding such election: by vote of the city council of such city, with approval of its mayor where so required by the city charter; by vote of the board of selectmen of a town or by vote of the town council of a town having a town council or by vote of the annual town meeting; or in conformity with the following provision of this section:

A proposal to place a nonbinding public opinion advisory question on the ballot for a regular municipal election in any city or town may be presented to the governing body thereof on a petition signed by at least

ten registered voters of the city or town. If such governing body shall not approve said petition at least ninety days before said election, then the question may be so placed on said ballot when a petition signed by at least ten per cent of the registered voters of the city or town, but in no case less than twenty such voters, requesting such action is filed with the registrars, who shall have seven days after receipt of such a petition to certify the signatures. Upon certification of the signatures, the city or town clerk shall cause the question to be placed on the ballot at the next regular municipal election held more than thirty-five days after such certification.

The procedures established by this section shall be available to any city or town; provided, however, that if an alternative procedure is prescribed by a home rule charter, optional plan of government, or special act applying to such city or town, relative to the placing of public opinion questions upon the local ballot, then such alternative procedure shall apply.

Part I	ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
Title VIII	ELECTIONS
Chapter 53	NOMINATIONS, QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS, PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES
Section 18B	INFORMATION RELATING TO QUESTIONS ON CITY, TOWN OR DISTRICT BALLOT; CONTENTS; WRITTEN ARGUMENTS BY PRINCIPAL PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS; PUBLIC INSPECTION

Section 18B. (a) As used in this section "governing body" shall mean, in a city, the city council or board of aldermen acting with the approval of the mayor subject to the charter of the city, in a town having a town council, the town council, in every other town, the board of selectmen and in a district as provided in sections 113 to 119, inclusive, of chapter 41, the prudential committee, if any, otherwise the commissioners of the district.

(b) The governing body of a city, town or district which accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 shall print information relating to each question that shall appear on the city, town or district ballot. The information shall include: (1) the full text of each question; (2) a fair and concise summary of each question, including a 1 sentence statement describing the effect of a yes or no vote, which shall be prepared by the city solicitor, town counsel or counsel for the city, town or district; and (3) arguments for and against each question as

provided in subsections (d) and (e). Not later than 7 days before an election at which the question shall be submitted to the voters in a city, town or district, the information in this subsection shall be sent to each household wherein a person whose name appears on the current voting list for the city, town or district resides.

(c) Not later than the day following the date of the determination that a question shall appear on the ballot in an election, the governing body shall provide written notification to the city solicitor or town or district counsel and to the city or town clerk.

(d) Not later than 7 days after the determination that a question shall appear on the ballot, the city solicitor or town or district counsel, as applicable, shall seek written arguments from the principal proponents and opponents of the question. For the purposes of this section, the principal proponents and opponents of a question shall be those persons determined by the solicitor or counsel to be best able to present the arguments for and against the question. The solicitor or counsel shall provide not less than 7 days' written notice to the opponents and proponents of the date on which the written arguments shall be received. Proponents and opponents shall submit their arguments, which shall be not more than 150 words, to the solicitor or counsel, together with a copy thereof to the city or town clerk or, in a district, to the clerk of each city and town within the district. The arguments and summary shall be submitted by the solicitor or counsel to the governing body at least 20 days before the election for distribution to voters in accordance with subsection (b). A copy of the arguments and summary shall also be submitted by the solicitor or counsel to the city, town or district clerk.

(e) In determining the principal proponents and opponents of a ballot question, the solicitor or counsel shall contact each ballot question committee, if any, as defined in section 1 of chapter 55. The principal proponents or opponents of a ballot question may include officers of a ballot question committee or officers of a city, town or district office or committee including, but not limited to, a finance committee or a school committee. In addition, the principal proponents or opponents may include the first 10 signers or a majority of the first 10 signers of a petition initiating the placement of such question on the ballot. The solicitor or counsel shall determine, based on a review of arguments received, the person or group best able to present arguments for and against a question. If no argument is received by the solicitor or counsel within the time specified by the solicitor or counsel, the solicitor or counsel shall prepare an argument and submit the argument to the governing body and to the city or town clerk or, in a district, to the clerk of each city and town within the district within the time specified in subsection (d).

(f) All arguments filed or prepared pursuant to this section and the information prepared pursuant to subsection (b), shall be open to public inspection at the office of city or town clerk or, in a district, at the office of the clerk of each city and town within the district. In addition, each city or town clerk shall make such information available to the voters at all polling places within the city, town or district.



City of
Everett
Massachusetts

C0144-25

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Stephanie Martins
Date: April 14, 2025

Agenda Item:

An order requesting that the City Council vote to rescind its designation of the position of Board of Assessors as a special municipal employee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 268A, as of June 30, 2025

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:



CARLO DeMARIA
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April 9, 2025

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
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Dear Honorable Members:

I hereby submit for your consideration an order requesting that the City Council vote to rescind its designation of the position of Board of Assessors as a special municipal employee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 268A, as of June 30, 2025.

I submitted the request for this designation in January 2025 so that the City would be able to have a qualified individual (Ron Keohan) acting as Interim Director of Assessing while the City seeks to fill the position with a permanent replacement.

I have submitted separately to the City Council for approval the appointment of Benison Pena to serve as Assessor. If the Council acts favorably on that appointment, I am requesting that Mr. Keohan continue to be able to assist Mr. Pena with the transition into his new role while also keeping the commitment for this special employee designation to have a definitive duration.

Thank you for your favorable passage of this order.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



April 9, 2025
City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

Bill Number:
Bill Type: Order

Be it
Ordered: BY City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as
follows:

An order requesting that the City Council vote to rescind the designation of the position of Board of Assessors as a special municipal employee pursuant to MGL Chapter 268A as of June 30, 2025.