

Preble Street Votes: Election Guide

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8!
Polls are open from 7am – 8pm

If you aren't registered to vote yet and would like to, you can register AND vote on Election Day! Early in-person voting at the Town Clerk's office is also available in Maine through Thursday, November 3.

WHO can vote in Maine?

- **Maine has some of the most progressive voting laws in the country**
- **You can vote even if you have a felony**
- **You don't need a home to vote! In Maine, there is no requirement for a fixed address, though you must provide some form of proof of "residency." If you aren't already registered and plan to do so on Election Day/if you work with Preble Street, we recommend listing one of our locations on your voter registration as your address. If you have a non-traditional address, you can offer a physical description of your place of residence (e.g a campsite, a park bench) to the clerk, this will replace a physical address.**

Did you know...Maine is one of sixteen states in the U.S. that does *not* require ID to vote. *However, it is required in order to *register* to vote*

Nonetheless, it is best to bring a form of ID with you on Election Day.

- Especially if it's your first time voting in Maine and you did not provide the state with a copy of your ID when registering to vote, it's best to **bring a form of ID!**
- **IF you vote in Portland, your city clerk's office is located at —**

389 Congress St, Room 203
Portland, ME 04101
Phone: 207-874-8610

They can also answer any questions you have about the election!

- **If you registered to vote and entered your address as Preble Street (55 Portland St), The Learning Collaborative (20 Portland St), or the Street Outreach Office (38 Preble St), or Oxford Street Shelter (203 Oxford St), your polling place is:**

Merrill Auditorium
20 Myrtle St.
Portland, ME 04101

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To locate your polling place, type in the street address that you used on your voter registration at this link:

[Maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter_lookup.php](https://maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter_lookup.php)

- **At this link, the first tab will show you your specific polling location**
- **The second tab lists your current elected officials (this does not include info about the current candidates/positions up for election)**
- **The third tab offers a link to a sample ballot specific to your voting district**

Sample Municipal Ballot: [NEW WORKING \(civicplus.com\)](https://civicplus.com)

Sample State Ballot: [Nov22 RCV 14 inch Portrait \(civicplus.com\)](https://civicplus.com)

In certain races on your ballot, you will have the **option** to participate in **ranked-choice voting**:

- Ranked-choice voting allows voters to choose candidates in order of preference
- Votes are tabulated in rounds until only two candidates remain and one candidate is determined to have received the majority of votes in the final round. That candidate is then declared the winner.
(Language from Maine Bureau of Corporations, Elections, and Commissions)

CANDIDATES — The following pages offer a brief overview of each of the candidates for the different races. This does not include town/specific positions beyond Portland City Council (for example, School Board and Water District positions).

Governor:



Election 2022 Candidate Bios
Maine Governor Race

<p><u>Janet T. Mills</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born: December 30, 1947 (age 74) in Farmington, Maine • Political Party: Democrat • Currently lives in Augusta, Maine • Education: Colby College, University of Massachusetts Boston (BA), University of Maine (JD) • Mills is a lifelong public servant. Beginning as Maine’s first female criminal prosecutor in 1976, she continued to serve as Attorney General of Maine for four terms. She was also elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 2002 and served on the judiciary, criminal, justice, and appropriations committees. She was elected as the 75th governor of Maine in 2019 and is currently running for reelection • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modernizing Infrastructure ○ Economic Recovery ○ Strengthen Education ○ Improve Healthcare ○ Housing and Property Tax Relief
<p><u>Paul LePage</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born: October 9, 1948 (age 73) in Lewiston, Maine • Political Part: Republican • Education: Husson University (BA), University of Maine (MBA) • LePage began his political career as a Waterville city councilor for two terms before becoming mayor in 2003. His successful career as mayor propelled him to win two consecutive terms for the 74th governor of Maine in 2011 and 2015 • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic Growth ○ Reducing Federal Government Spending ○ Law Enforcement ○ Reducing Tax Burden
<p><u>Sam Hunkler</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Independent • Education: Case Western Reserve University • Sam served as a former Peace Corps volunteer in East Africa before moving to Maine to become a resident and family Doctor for 38 years. For a few years after his residency at Case Western, Sam worked in Alaska in the Indian Health Service where he was the only physician for about 1500 people • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finding common ground between Democrats and Republicans

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Maine House of Representatives:



Election 2022 Candidate Bios Maine House of Representative Races

District 115 (Formerly 36)

<p><u>Michael Brennan</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political Party: Democrat• Currently lives in Portland• Background: Michael formerly served as the 87th Mayor of Portland, Maine, a representative of part of Portland in the Maine House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000, and a State Senator from 2002-2006. Elected to the State House of representatives again in 2018, he is the current incumbent running for reelection in District 115• Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Education and Cultural Affairs○ Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services○ Affordable Housing
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District 113 (Formerly 37)

<p><u>Grayson Lookner</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Born: Camden, Maine• Political Party: Democrat• Currently lives in Portland• Education: Prescott College, BA• Background: Grayson Lookner is a long-time activist and community organizer in Maine, who has also worked in the healthcare field as an EMT and behavioral health professional• Issues:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Affordable Housing○ Healthcare○ Data Privacy○ Opioid Epidemic○ Clean Elections
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**Election 2022 Candidate Bios
Maine House of Representative Races**

District 117 (Formerly 38)

<p><u>Matthew Moonen</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Democrat • Currently lives in Portland • Background: Rep. Matt Moonen is serving his fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives. He has served as House chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and as a member of the Taxation Committee. Matt is a longtime leader in progressive politics in Maine, and currently serves as the Executive Director of EqualityMaine. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economy ○ Equality and Justice ○ LGBTQ Rights
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District 119 (Formerly part of 38)

<p><u>Charles Skold</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently lives in Portland • Education: Tufts University, Masters in Policy and Public Service from Harvard Kennedy School of Government • Background: Charles grew up in Maine and teaches people about negotiation. He worked with Mainers across the state for President Biden’s Campaign and became the Chair of the Portland Democrats. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Affordable Housing ○ Renewable Energy and Public Transit ○ Equality and Justice ○ Ease Immigration
<p><u>Peter Doyle</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Republican • Currently lives in Portland • Education: Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics and Geography • Background: Unknown • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jobs and Economy ○ Avoid Tax Increase ○ Healthcare ○ Voting and Citizenship

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Maine House of Representative Races**

District 118 (Formerly 40)

<p><u>Rachel T. Ross</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Democrat • Background: Rachel is currently serving her third term in the Maine House, representing the Portland neighborhoods of Parkside, Bayside, East Bayside, Oakdale and the University of Southern Maine campus. She serves the Democratic caucus as assistant House majority leader and is the first and only Black woman elected to the Maine Legislature and to legislative leadership. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Affordable Housing ○ Homeless Assistance ○ Healthcare
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District 116 (Formerly 41)

<p><u>Samuel Zager</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born: Subic Ba, Philippines • Political Party: Democrat • Education: B.S. in History, U.S. Naval Academy; Masters in Economic an Social History, University of Oxford; M.D., Harvard Medical School • Background: Zager served in the U.S. Navy from 1993 to 2004. Zager's career experience includes working as a family physician. Zager is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the board of the Portland Public Library, the Maine Academy of Family Physicians, and is a member of the Maine House of Representatives for which he assumed office in 2020. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health, Access, Safety ○ Public Education and Libraries ○ Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability ○ Economic Vitality and Diversity
<p><u>Dale Holman</u></p> <p align="center">No Image</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Republican • Education: B.A. in Communications, Minor in Business Management, Pensacola Christian College • Background: Dale started his book publishing career with Paramount Publishing/Prentice Hall/Simon & Schuster/Macmillan Publishing, USA/Sybex, Inc. computer book publishing in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dale later worked as the National Account Manager to Amazon.com, bn.com, Barnes & Noble, Ingram Books, and many other accounts. He is currently a real estate investor and founder of Keystone Real Estate and Eagle ATM, a financial service company. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No available Information

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Maine Senate:



Election 2022 Candidate Bios Maine Senate Races

District 25

<p><u>Teresa Pierce</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently lives in Falmouth, Maine• Political Party: Democrat• Education: University of Colorado Boulder• Background: A 19-year resident of Falmouth, Teresa served for six years as a Falmouth Town Councilor, including two as chair. She is now serving her fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives where she serves as the chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs• Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Education○ Voting Rights○ Economy○ Women’s Health○ Environment
<p><u>Jennifer White</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently lives in Raymond, Maine• Political Party: Republican• Education: University of Southern Maine, Bachelors degree• Background: Jennifer is the founder of the nonprofit Global Harvest Outreach and is also the past president of the board of directors of the Little Sebago Lodges Association and the Little Sebago Lodges Statutory Road Association. She currently operates a small business as she runs for election.• Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Economy

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**Election 2022 Candidate Bios
Maine Senate Races**

District 27

<p align="center"><u>Jill Duson</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently lives in Portland • Political Party: Democrat • Education: Antioch College, B.A., University of Pennsylvania School of Law, JD. • Background: Jill served on the Portland City Council since 2001 and was elected twice as the City of Portland’s mayor. Jill served as a delegate for the Democratic Nation Convention from 1992 to 2012. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education ○ Healthcare ○ Affordable and Accessible Housing ○ Environment
<p align="center"><u>Jeffrey Tounge</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently lives in Deering Center, Portland • Political Party: Republican • Education: University of Maine at Orono • Background: Tounge is a longtime resident of Portland and founder of Tounge Associates, a Merger and Acquisition Consulting firm. He has over thirty years of experience in the real estate industry. Tounge also serves as Director of ANANIA & Associates Investment Company LLC, a Maine private equity firm. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lower Taxes ○ Develop Workforce ○ Education ○ Public Safety ○ Elderly Health Care

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Maine Senate Races

District 28

<p><u>Benjamin Chipman</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Democrat • Currently lives in Portland • Education: University of Maine • Background: Ben began his political career in 2009 as an elected official of the Portland Charter Commission. Shortly after, he ran successfully to become a State Representative in 2010 and has served on the State Senate representing, formerly, District 27 since 2016. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic Equality ○ Healthcare ○ Education ○ Property Tax Relief ○ Environment
<p><u>Susan Abercrombie</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Republican • Currently lives in Portland • Education: B.S. in Mathematics and Psychology, University of Pittsburgh • Background: Susan is a retired IT professional and is currently a third-time candidate for the State Legislator. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic Freedom ○ Temporary Relief

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Maine Senate Races

District 29

<p><u>Anne Carney</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Democrat • Education: B.A., Haverford College; Masters of Theological Studies, Harvard University; J.D. Maine School of Law • Background: Anne practiced employment, civil rights and municipal law at Norman, Hanson & DeTroy, LLC, for 17 years. She then served as an In-House Volunteer Attorney with Pine Tree Legal Assistance for 8 years, providing pro bono legal representation to Mainers with low income. She is currently a State Senator serving as Senate Chair of the Judiciary Committee. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Judiciary ○ Healthcare ○ Environment
<p><u>John Lewis</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Republican • Currently lives in Cape Elizabeth • Education: B.A., University of Maine • Background: Lewis has spent most of his career advocating for youth, education, community, CTE and the skilled trades. He served as Senior Director for Workforce Development at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. As the founder and a managing partner of Synergy Workforce Solutions, Lewis helps employers in the manufacturing, trades, healthcare and education industries solve workforce development challenges. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education ○ Workforce Development ○ Health Care ○ Taxes ○ Local Control of Housing

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U.S. Congress:



Election 2022 Candidate Bios U.S. Congress

1st Congressional District

<p><u>Chellie Pingree</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Democrat • Currently lives in North Haven, Maine • Education: College of the Atlantic (BS) • Background: Pingree began her political career as a member of the Maine Senate from 1992 to 2000, serving as majority leader her last four years. From 2003 to 2007, Chellie served as the National President and CEO of Common Cause, a citizen activist group. In 2008, Pingree was the first woman elected to congress from Maine’s 1st Congressional District. • Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Women’s Reproductive Healthcare Rights ○ Healthcare ○ Racial Justice ○ Energy and Environment ○ Jobs and Economic Development
<p><u>Ed Thelander</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Republican • Currently lives in Bristol, Maine • Background: Ed is a decorated combat veteran with 21 years of experience as a Navy SEAL. He participated in U.S. operations in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Central and South America, Southeast Asia, and the Caribbean. Ed is also a small businessman, volunteer firefighter, and reserve deputy sheriff. • Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Border Security/Immigration ○ Economy ○ Election Integrity ○ Education ○ National Debt/Responsible Spending

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Portland City Council:



Election 2022 Candidate Bios Portland City Council

Portland City Council: District 3

<p><u>Regina Phillips</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Democrat • Currently lives in Portland • Education: Masters of Social Work, University of New England • Background: Regina Phillips is a co-founder of Cross-Cultural Community Services and Chief Operations Officer. Ms. Phillips has previously worked for the Westbrook School Department and the City of Portland Social Services Division, running the Refugee Services and Family Shelter Programs. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Refugee Assistance ○ Homeless Assistance
<p><u>Nathaniel Ferguson</u></p> <p>No Image</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Party: Democrat • Currently lives in Portland • Education: Degree in Mathematics and Statistics, Colby College • Background: Nathaniel is a recent graduate from Colby College where he studied Mathematics and Statistics. Nathaniel is 22 years old looking to make a positive impact in his community. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing ○ Transportation ○ Community Investments

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Portland City Council

Portland City Council: At Large

<p><u>Pious Ali</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born: Ghana • Currently lives in Portland • Education: Institute for Civic Leadership (Lift360) • Background: Pious became a member of the city’s Board of Public Education in 2013. He founded the Maine Interfaith Youth Alliance and co-founded the King Fellows, a local youth group dedicated to meaningful opportunities for youth through leadership. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared Economic Development ○ Support Education ○ Expanding Democracy ○ Access to Quality Housing ○ Protecting the Environment
<p><u>Aqeel J. Mohialdeen</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born: Iraq • Currently lives in Portland • Education: University of Baghdad (BA) • Background: Aqeel is an Iraqi immigrant who settled in Maine in 2013 after working with USAID in Baghdad. He is a graphic designer and produced a local Arabic newspaper called “The Hanging Gardens of Babylon” for other Arabic-speaking immigrants who are new to Maine. Currently, he is Vice-Chair of the MEGOP Multi-Cultural Center. • Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immigrant Rights ○ Economic Equality ○ Housing
<p><u>Richard Levi Ward</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born: Portland, Maine • Currently lives in Portland • Education: Unknown • Background: Richard is running for an At Large seat to raise awareness about the current homeless, mental health and substance abuse disorder situations. • Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Homeless Advocacy ○ Religious and Medical Freedom ○ Opioid Epidemic ○ Mental Health Support ○ More Affordable Housing

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ARE YOU VOTING IN PORTLAND?

If so, there are a total of 13 extra questions on the ballot pertaining to local issues from the Charter Commission and Referendum! Take the time to read up on these questions before you get to the polls.

The referendum questions are as follows:

Referendum Questions:

This language is directly as the information was presented to the Portland City Council

QUESTION A: An Act to Regulate Short-Term Rentals and Prohibit Corporate and Absentee Operation of Short-Term Rental Properties

- Prohibits corporate owners and non-local operators from registering short-term rentals in the city.
- Prohibits eviction of tenants for the purpose of immediate conversion to the short-term rentals.
- Prohibits affordable and workforce housing from being used as short-term rentals.
- Increases penalties for disorderly properties and violations of the city's existing short-term rental regulations.

QUESTION B: An Act to Reduce the Number of Short-Term Rentals in Portland

- Restricts all Portland STRs to those that are owner-occupied, tenant-occupied, or located in a two-unit building occupied by the owner.
- Increases annual fee for owner-occupied STRs to \$250 and non-owner occupied STRs to \$750 and simplifies fee structure.
- Requires notification to all residents within 500 feet of a registered STR.
- Increases penalties for violations and strengthens enforcement of violations.
- Requires logging of complaints against all STRs.
- Allows the city to revoke STR registrations.

QUESTION C: An Act to Protect Tenants in Portland

- Ensures that tenants receive 90-day notice for lease termination and/or rent increases.
- Discourages no-cause evictions by limiting the 5% rent increase to voluntary turnovers.
- Restricts deposits to one month rents, prohibits application fees, limits amount of standard annual rent increases to 70% of CPI.

- Strengthens protections for tenants who exercise their rights under the existing ordinance.
- Provides greater clarity and authority to the rent board to ensure landlords receive a fair return on investment and tenant complaints receive a fair hearing.
- Sets a \$25,000 fee for condominium conversions.
- Technical changes to the original ordinance.

QUESTION D: An Act to Eliminate Sub-Minimum Wage, Increase the Minimum Wage, and Strengthen Protections for Workers

- Increases minimum wage in Portland to \$18 an hour over three years and will eliminate sub-minimum wage for tipped workers over the same three years.
- Tipped workers will receive \$18/hr plus tips.
- Provides an \$18 an hour minimum wage for workers not currently receiving the minimum wage (taxi-drivers and other ride services, personal shoppers, delivery workers, and those doing work for a unit of government).
 - Creates a Department of Fair Labor Practices.

QUESTION E: An Act to Reduce Cruise Ships in Order to Reduce Congestion and Pollution

- Limits the number of passengers who may disembark from cruise ships to no more than 1,000 people on a given day (in total).
- This ordinance will go into effect in 2025.

If you are voting in Portland, they will ask you about the recommendations of the Charter Commission. There are 8 questions pertaining to these recommendations on your ballot —

Question 1: Proposes an amendment to the preamble of the City Charter, with the inclusion of a Land Acknowledgement to honor Indigenous People in Portland and throughout the state.

Question 2: Strengthens the position of the mayor, positioning them as a chief executive of the city. City manager will be replaced by a city administrator position (with less power). This question also proposes expanded the City Council and School Board, to twelve and nine members, respectively.

Question 3: Establishes a publicly funded “Clean Elections” program in Portland, banning corporate contributions to candidates/campaigns.

Question 4: Allows the city to implement a ranked-choice voting method for certain elections where more than one candidate is being elected to a given seat. This would include races with multiple at-large seats up for election.

Question 5: Aims to reshape the school budget adoption process, so that it no longer requires city council approval. The budget would go directly to voters after school board approval.

Question 6: Establishes the Peaks Island Advisory Council as part of the city council, so that Peaks may have representation in municipal matters on the mainland.

Question 7: Establishes a Civilian Police Review Board, replacing the current police review subcommittee. This group would be able to review PPD's internal investigation reports and hear complaints directly from residents of Portland.

Question 8: Establishes an Ethics Committee for the City and a Code of Ethics. This also includes the funding to hire an Accountability Officer, who can consult with the city council as an unbiased third party in ethics-related matters.