

Resolution of the Framingham Democratic Committee
Voting by Mail
February 21, 2021

WHEREAS, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah, and Washington hold elections successfully almost entirely by mail, and mail-in voting is an option in 33 other states plus the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, no-excuse mail-in voting was used for the first time in Massachusetts and several other states in order to allow voters to stay away from polling sites amidst a deadly pandemic; and

WHEREAS, no-excuse mail-in voting has been considered popular and convenient, and throughout the country Secretaries of State, including Secretary Galvin, have deemed such voting highly successful; and

WHEREAS, documented cases of attempted mail fraud are almost non-existent in states that have adopted mail-in voting; and

WHEREAS, mail-in voting has increased voter access and turnout in every state that has allowed such voting; and

WHEREAS, mail-in voting creates better informed voters by allowing more time for voters to contemplate their votes, especially for down-ballot offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Framingham Democratic Committee calls for immediate action to be taken by the appropriate authorities to establish no-excuse mail-in voting, including that:

1. The Legislature establish no-excuse mail-in voting to all eligible residents of Massachusetts; and
2. Until the Legislature establishes such mail-in voting statewide, the City of Framingham file a home-rule petition with the Legislature to allow such mail-in voting in the City of Framingham.