

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Municipal Clerk and the City Council of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, under the power of initiative granted to voters of the City of New Brunswick by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, hereby propose the Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof. If this Ordinance is not passed by the City of New Brunswick within the time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184 et seq., the undersigned voters demand that the same be submitted to the electorate for a vote in the next general election in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69 A-192b., with the question to be put to the voters in this manner:

QUESTION: Shall all individuals, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, who are sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, be eligible to register to vote and, if so registered, be eligible to vote in any Local Election?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

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	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
* 1.		Xavier Anton	727 cedar CT
2.		Carolyn Buista	313 Birch ct.
3.		Mark Korman	55 holt ST
4.		Fernando Flores	17 Loretto st.
		Lorena Vela	219 399 Lee Ave

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6.		Dulce Delacruz	444 Lee Ave Apt 102
7.		Natividad Perez	444 Lee Ave Apt 102
8.	B.J.	Bienvenida Delencoso	40 Hassack 222
9.	Eladio Lopez	Eladia Torres	40 Hassack Apt 103
10.	Danielle Moore	Danielle Moore	333 Somerset street
11.	Michelle Jarvis	Michelle Jarvis	19 Riverside Dr.
12.	David E. Brown	David E. Brown	8 Freeman St
13.	Ramona Martinez	Ramona Martinez	256 Handy St
14.	Juan R Martinez	Juan Martinez	256 HANDY ST
15.	Eugene L Evans Jr	EUGENE L EVANS JR	256 HANDY STREET
16.		Mirbel Rivera	271 HALE ST
17.	Paul McLean	PAUL MCLEAN	225 HALE ST.
18.		Dionicio Morales	66 Juliet St
19.	Layla Eliehatib	Layla Eliehatib	10 suydern
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21.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Samantha Figueredo	264 Snydam Street
22.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Jared Neal	264 Snydam Street
23.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Okey Thaiton	3700 BARRETT DR ARTHUR PARK
24.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Diane K. Neal	20 CAMMER AVE DIANE K. NEAL
25.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Jazminne Haywood	10 Paul Robeson Blvd NBNT
26.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Chaviah Jackson	10 Paul Robeson
27.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Zyria Currie	10 Paul Robeson Blvd Arth
28.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Frederick Frieson	10 Paul Robeson Apt 2H
29.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Connel T Gawn	10 Paul Robeson Apt 2U
30.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Edith Davis	10 Paul Robeson Blvd
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WHEREAS, the City recognizes that noncitizens and young people have a stake in civic life and the governance of the communities where they reside, and as such should be eligible to vote.

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- c. Is registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of this title.
2. Every qualified voter of the City is entitled to vote in all Local Elections and to participate in nominations, referendums, recalls, and other petitions authorized by this Title and the Charter of the City.

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a. If any person feels aggrieved by any action by the City Clerk violating this Title, provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter, such person may appeal to the Superior Court of Middlesex County.

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1. The New Brunswick City Council shall designate a municipal body, such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library, to notify residents are informed of their eligibility to vote in Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status. This notification shall be provided through:
 - a. Notice at all polling locations in bilingual plain language that residents residing in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, are eligible to vote, if so registered by the registration deadline, regardless of immigration status or citizenship.
 - b. The city of New Brunswick shall cause a copy of the bilingual plain language summary to be mailed to all residential postal addresses and to all residential property owners annually on January 1.
 - c. Bilingual Information sessions at community centers and other public venues such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library or City Hall.
 - d. Bilingual Announcements on the city's official website and social media platforms.
 - e. Collaborations with local organizations and schools to spread awareness.
2. The designated municipal body for notifying residents of their voter eligibility shall provide annual reports to the Municipal Council detailing the efforts and effectiveness of the voter eligibility notification program to be reported at the first city council meeting of every year.

SECTION 3. All City ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this amendment shall be deemed unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 6. Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of New Brunswick as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of New Brunswick in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

STATEMENT

This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

: ss.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I Raj Vemparala (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.


(Circulator's signature)

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 12 day of August, 2024.


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1. 	Brandon España	108 Baldwin Street
2. 	Christopher España	108 Baldwin Street
3. 	RUTH FONG	1217 DOGWOOD CT
4. 	BRIAN ZHANG	1217 DOGWOOD CT
5. 	Hector estevez-Reyes	1208 Ramsey av.

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6.		James Watson	162 Comstock St.
7.		WANDA JEAN James Watson	162 Comstock St.
8.		Shante Rider	130 Fulton Court
9.		Keyaira Rider	130 Fulton Court
10.		Rhonda Steel	137 Lawrence St
11.		Agustina Almanzar	301 Paul Robeson Blvd
12.		Darlene Simians	17 N. Talmadge St.
13.		Glorine M. Peterkin	90 N. Talmadge St.
14.		William Lopez	1011 Pagewood Court
15.		Aurelia Jimenez	1021 Dogwood Ct.
16.		Ethan Cunningham	272 Hamilton St. Apt. 20
17.		Deborah Oglesby	217 Somerset St. Apt 319
18.		Melvin Lawrence	217 Somerset St. Apt 220
19.		John Shepherd	217 Somerset St. #219
20.		Agustin Castillo-Tavarez	217 Somerset St. 203

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22.		Magdalena Morales	55 Haverly 405
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25.		Noah Porter	20 Dewey Dr., New Brunswick, NJ
26.		Yemi Mendez	2 Taylor Drive
27.	Arturo Gonzalez	Arturo Gonzalez	95 Delavan St
28.		Yvett Torres	1 Palmetto Ct New Brunswick
29.		JANELLE Rodriguez	16 Renaissance Lane
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33.		Louise Jackson	1322 Fernwood Ct NB NJ
34.		Al Prado Peron	1221 Dogwood Ct.
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36.		Saeed Baba	105 Alder Court, New Brunswick
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This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

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COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I Carissa Raj Vemparala (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

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Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 12 day of AUGUST, 2024.

Raj Vemparala
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INITIATIVE PETITION

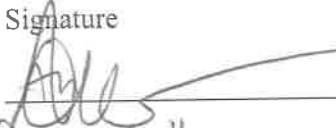
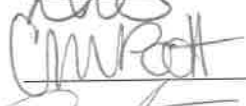
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2.		Christine Patterson	246 New York Ave.
3.		Deepti Ravi	36 Duke St Floor 2
4.		Raye Kessler	36 Duke St. Floor 2
5.		Melany Yogalingam	361 Livingston Ave

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| 6. | | Of Marciano | 367 Livingston Ave. |
| 7. | | FRANKLIN S PENA | 54 ELLEN ST |
| 8. | | Martha Gomez | 56 JULIE ST |
| 9. | | David Gomez | 56 JULIE ST David Gomez |
| 10. | | Damica Williams | 28 Rutgers St |
| 11. | | Christopher Mary | 25 Rutgers St. |
| 12. | | Karen Salguero | 250 Fulton St Fulton |
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 - b. Has resided within the corporate limits of the City for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election; and**

- c. Is registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of this title.
2. Every qualified voter of the City is entitled to vote in all Local Elections and to participate in nominations, referendums, recalls, and other petitions authorized by this Title and the Charter of the City.

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 - c. Bilingual Information sessions at community centers and other public venues such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library or City Hall.
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SECTION 3. All City ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

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I Brooke McClarren (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

Brooke McClarren
(Circulator's signature)

Sworn to and subscribed
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INITIATIVE PETITION

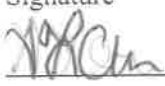
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New Brunswick NJ 08901
7. Donnell Donnen Clemens 39 Manor Ct
New Brunswick NJ 08901
8. Michalowski Michelle Polowsky 73 Manor Ct
New Brunswick NJ 08901
9. Domarys Romero Domarys Romero 77 Manor Ct
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11. Celenny Phares Celenny Phares 84 Manor Crescent
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STATEMENT

This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

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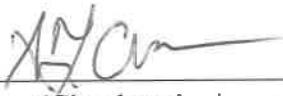
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

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COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I Alena Chekanov (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.



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Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 18 day of July, 2024.



NOTARY PUBLIC



INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Municipal Clerk and the City Council of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, under the power of initiative granted to voters of the City of New Brunswick by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, hereby propose the Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof. If this Ordinance is not passed by the City of New Brunswick within the time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184 et seq., the undersigned voters demand that the same be submitted to the electorate for a vote in the next general election in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69 A-192b., with the question to be put to the voters in this manner:

QUESTION: Shall all individuals, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, who are sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, be eligible to register to vote and, if so registered, be eligible to vote in any Local Election?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

Signature and residence address of registered voters (all entries must be made in ink)

	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
1.		Ademy Diaz	254 George St New Brunswick, NJ 08901
2.		JERRY JORDAN	280 Furston St Apt. B5 New Brunswick 08901
3.		ROBERT M. MASKE	
4.		ROSA ROMAN	10 Paul Roben Blvd NB NJ Apt. 1P
5.		Olivia Morales	255 Comstock Street NB NJ 08901

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WHEREAS, the City of New Brunswick (the "City") recognizes its authority to enact ordinances pertaining to Local Elections; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that noncitizens and young people have a stake in civic life and the governance of the communities where they reside, and as such should be eligible to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

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7. SPECIAL ELECTIONS: an election to fill a specific vacancy or to address a particular issue or question that requires immediate attention or resolution. A special election is typically held at a date and time that is different from regularly scheduled election dates.

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1. Every person, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who meets the following criteria is a qualified voter:
 - a. Is at least sixteen (16) years of age or will be at least sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election;
 - b. Has resided within the corporate limits of the City for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election; and

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- c. Is registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of this title.
- 2. Every qualified voter of the City is entitled to vote in all Local Elections and to participate in nominations, referendums, recalls, and other petitions authorized by this Title and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-3 - VOTER REGISTRATION.

- 1. All residents of the City who meet the voter qualifications set forth in § 9:1-2(1) shall be eligible to register to vote in Local Elections.
- 2. Any person residing in the City who is registered with the Middlesex County Board of Elections for Local Elections shall be deemed to be registered to vote in the respective Local Elections.

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- 1. The City Clerk of New Brunswick (the "City Clerk") shall conduct Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

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- 2. Notification and Education. Provided that the City Clerk adopts early voting, the City Clerk shall:
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 - b. Conduct voter education campaigns to inform eligible voters about the early voting process and encourage participation.

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- 1. The City Clerk shall provide provisional voting for Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.
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- 1. The City Clerk shall arrange for voting by mail-in ballot in accordance with Subtitle 17 of the Elections Statute, Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules, and shall notify the voters of this intention for each election.
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- 1. The City Clerk shall meet within two weeks after the local election, including any runoff election, to provide the certification of results. The persons having the number of votes required by this title for each elective office shall be declared elected.

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§ 9:1-11 - LOCAL ELECTION APPEALS.

- 1. Right to Appeal

a. If any person feels aggrieved by any action by the City Clerk violating this Title, provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter, such person may appeal to the Superior Court of Middlesex County.

§ 9:1-12 - VOTER ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION.

1. The New Brunswick City Council shall designate a municipal body, such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library, to notify residents are informed of their eligibility to vote in Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status. This notification shall be provided through:
 - a. Notice at all polling locations in bilingual plain language that residents residing in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, are eligible to vote, if so registered by the registration deadline, regardless of immigration status or citizenship.
 - b. The city of New Brunswick shall cause a copy of the bilingual plain language summary to be mailed to all residential postal addresses and to all residential property owners annually on January 1.
 - c. Bilingual Information sessions at community centers and other public venues such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library or City Hall.
 - d. Bilingual Announcements on the city's official website and social media platforms.
 - e. Collaborations with local organizations and schools to spread awareness.
2. The designated municipal body for notifying residents of their voter eligibility shall provide annual reports to the Municipal Council detailing the efforts and effectiveness of the voter eligibility notification program to be reported at the first city council meeting of every year.

SECTION 3. All City ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

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pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

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Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 7 day of August, 2024.


NOTARY PUBLIC



INITIATIVE PETITION

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★ 3.	<i>Miguel Llanoy</i>	Miguel Llanoy	837 Cedar St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
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8.		Rose Obregon	#215 40 Hassart St
9.		Huikong Chen	40 Hassart St Apt 112
10.		Shaoji Wang	40 Hassart St Apt 112
11.		John Will	122 Abel New Rn
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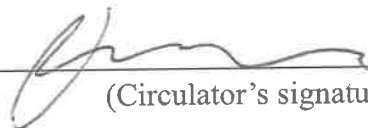
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

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COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX :

I Raj Vempalala (print name) certifies that (1) s/he and only s/he personally circulated the foregoing paper; (2) all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence; and (3) s/he believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.


(Circulator's signature)

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 12 day of August, 2024.


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INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Municipal Clerk and the City Council of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, under the power of initiative granted to voters of the City of New Brunswick by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, hereby propose the Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof. If this Ordinance is not passed by the City of New Brunswick within the time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184 et seq., the undersigned voters demand that the same be submitted to the electorate for a vote in the next general election in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69 A-192b., with the question to be put to the voters in this manner:

QUESTION: Shall all individuals, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, who are sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, be eligible to register to vote and, if so registered, be eligible to vote in any Local Election?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The ordinance proposes that all individuals, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, will be eligible to register to vote and, if they are registered, will be eligible to vote in any Local Election. A Local Election is defined as an election in which voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board. Annual notice shall be provided to all residents of this eligibility. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the ordinance. A "No" vote is a vote against the ordinance.

Signature and residence address of registered voters (all entries must be made in ink)

	Signature	Printed Name	Residence
1.		JAMES FULLER	YES 7 LIVINGSTON AVE
2.		Donna Hankerson	Yes 53 Reservoir Ave
3.		Isabelle Rierva	44 Robinson Street
4.		Sidneida Cruz	292 Sanford St.
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6.		Hannah Faughnan	80 Harvey St
7.		Paul Russell	80 Harvey St
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Appendix A

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TITLE IX, ELECTIONS, CHAPTER 1, LOCAL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, in accordance with New Jersey Constitution, Art. IV, § VII, 11, the Home Rule Act, N.J.S.A. 40:42-4, and the Optional Municipal Charter Law which applies to the City of New Brunswick, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-30, the New Jersey State Legislature has authorized municipalities to use local power to deal with local needs. Further, both the Home Rule Act, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, and the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-30, grant to local government broad general powers to meet such needs in addition to powers specifically enumerated; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Brunswick (the "City") recognizes its authority to enact ordinances pertaining to Local Elections; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that noncitizens and young people have a stake in civic life and the governance of the communities where they reside, and as such should be eligible to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Note: Additions are shown in Bold and Underlined. Deletions are shown in Strikeouts.

SECTION 1. Title IX, Elections, Section 1, Local Elections, of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of New Brunswick is amended and supplemented, to establish eligibility for residents the right to vote in New Brunswick Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status, as follows:

SECTION 2. Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections.

§ 9:1-1 - Local Elections.

§ 9:1-1.1 - DEFINITIONS

- 1. LOCAL ELECTION:** the process by which eligible voters elect individuals to serve as Mayor; members of the Council; or members of the School Board;
- 2. MAIL-IN VOTING:** the process by which eligible voters cast their ballots in an election by mail, rather than in person at a polling location.
- 3. REFERENDUMS:** a type of public vote that allows voters to express their opinion on a specific issue or question of public interest that has been referred to them for a direct decision.
- 4. EARLY VOTING:** the process by which eligible voters cast their ballots in an election during a designated time period before election day.
- 5. PROVISIONAL VOTING:** is cast by a voter whose eligibility to vote cannot be confirmed at the polls on Election Day or if they have applied for a vote-by-mail ballot. If, after the election, it is determined that the voter who cast the provisional ballot was eligible to vote, the ballot will be counted.
- 6. RECALL ELECTIONS:** a legal process in which eligible voters can remove an elected official from their position before their term expires. Recall elections are initiated by eligible voters who believe that the official's performance, conduct, or actions are unsatisfactory or have violated public trust.
- 7. SPECIAL ELECTIONS:** an election to fill a specific vacancy or to address a particular issue or question that requires immediate attention or resolution. A special election is typically held at a date and time that is different from regularly scheduled election dates.

§ 9:1-2 - LOCAL ELECTION VOTING ELIGIBILITY.

- 1. Every person, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who meets the following criteria is a qualified voter:**
 - a. Is at least sixteen (16) years of age or will be at least sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election;**
 - b. Has resided within the corporate limits of the City for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election; and**

- c. Is registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of this title.
2. Every qualified voter of the City is entitled to vote in all Local Elections and to participate in nominations, referendums, recalls, and other petitions authorized by this Title and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-3 - VOTER REGISTRATION.

1. All residents of the City who meet the voter qualifications set forth in § 9:1-2(1) shall be eligible to register to vote in Local Elections.
2. Any person residing in the City who is registered with the Middlesex County Board of Elections for Local Elections shall be deemed to be registered to vote in the respective Local Elections.

§ 9:1-4 - ELECTIONS CONDUCT.

1. The City Clerk of New Brunswick (the "City Clerk") shall conduct Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-5 - EARLY VOTING.

1. The City Clerk may conduct early voting for Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.
2. Notification and Education. Provided that the City Clerk adopts early voting, the City Clerk shall:
 - a. Notify the public of the availability of any early voting period and provide information on the locations, days, hours, and mechanisms for early voting; and
 - b. Conduct voter education campaigns to inform eligible voters about the early voting process and encourage participation.

§ 9:1-6 - PROVISIONAL VOTING.

1. The City Clerk shall provide provisional voting for Local Elections in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.
2. A person may cast a provisional ballot in Local Elections if a person who believes they are qualified to vote but whose name does not appear on the lists of qualified voters of the City or if the person's eligibility to register to vote and/or to vote is challenged.

§ 9:1-7 - MAIL-IN VOTING.

1. The City Clerk shall arrange for voting by mail-in ballot in accordance with Subtitle 17 of the Elections Statute, Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules, and shall notify the voters of this intention for each election.
2. Any qualified voter may vote by mail-in ballot in Local Elections.

§ 9:1-8 - ELECTION OF LOCAL OFFICEHOLDERS.

1. The City Clerk shall have the power to change Local Election dates, tie-breaking procedure, nomination of candidates, and write-in candidates in every respect not covered by the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes, Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-9 - VOTE COUNT AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS.

1. The City Clerk shall meet within two weeks after the local election, including any runoff election, to provide the certification of results. The persons having the number of votes required by this title for each elective office shall be declared elected.

§ 9:1-10 - RECALL ELECTIONS; SPECIAL ELECTIONS; ADVISORY REFERENDUMS.

1. The City Clerk shall have the power to conduct local recall elections, special elections, and advisory referendums in every respect not covered by the provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter of the City.

§ 9:1-11 - LOCAL ELECTION APPEALS.

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a. If any person feels aggrieved by any action by the City Clerk violating this Title, provisions of Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules and the Charter, such person may appeal to the Superior Court of Middlesex County.

§ 9:1-12 - VOTER ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION.

1. The New Brunswick City Council shall designate a municipal body, such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library, to notify residents are informed of their eligibility to vote in Local Elections, regardless of citizenship status. This notification shall be provided through:
 - a. Notice at all polling locations in bilingual plain language that residents residing in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election, are eligible to vote, if so registered by the registration deadline, regardless of immigration status or citizenship.
 - b. The city of New Brunswick shall cause a copy of the bilingual plain language summary to be mailed to all residential postal addresses and to all residential property owners annually on January 1.
 - c. Bilingual Information sessions at community centers and other public venues such as the New Brunswick Free Public Library or City Hall.
 - d. Bilingual Announcements on the city's official website and social media platforms.
 - e. Collaborations with local organizations and schools to spread awareness.
2. The designated municipal body for notifying residents of their voter eligibility shall provide annual reports to the Municipal Council detailing the efforts and effectiveness of the voter eligibility notification program to be reported at the first city council meeting of every year.

SECTION 3. All City ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this amendment shall be deemed unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 6. Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of New Brunswick as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of New Brunswick in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

STATEMENT

This Ordinance establishes Title IX, Elections, Chapter 1, Local Elections, which proposes to permit residents to vote in Local Elections, inclusive of noncitizens and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, who are sixteen (16) years of age on or before the date of the next local election, and have resided in the corporate limits of the City of New Brunswick for a minimum period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding any non-runoff election.

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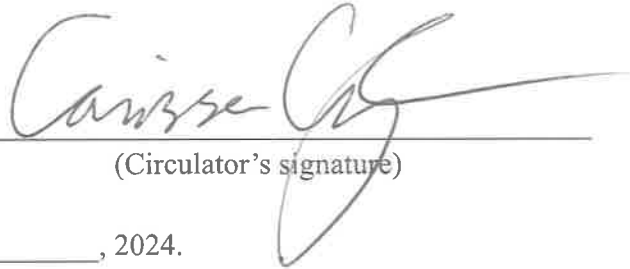
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