

Candidate slates in 2023 election:

<p>Cambridge Citizens Coalition (CCC) For City Council: Joan Pickett Doug Brown Cathie Zusy Robert Winters Ayesha Wilson John Hanratty Federico Muchnik Hao Wang Carrie Pasquarello Patty Nolan Paul Toner For School Committee: Elizabeth Hudson Robert "Bobby" Travers José Luis Rojas Villarreal</p>	<p>Cambridge Voters for Good Government (CV4GG) For City Council: Cathie Zusy Ayesha Wilson Joan Pickett Paul Toner Carrie Pasquarello Robert Winters Hao Wang Cambridge Bike Safety (Bike) Burhan Azeem Marc McGovern Sumbul Siddiqui Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler Dan Totten Ayah Al-Zubi Peter Hsu Adrienne Klein Frantz Pierre Vernon Walker Patty Nolan</p>	<p>A Better Cambridge (ABC) For City Council: Burhan Azeem Adrienne Klein Marc McGovern Joe McGuirk Frantz Pierre Sumbul Siddiqui E. Denise Simmons Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler Ayesha Wilson</p>	<p>Our Revolution Cambridge (ORC) For City Council: Ayah Al-Zubi Joe McGuirk Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler Dan Totten Vernon Walker For School Committee: Richard Harding Andrew King José Luis Rojas Villarreal David Weinstein Rachel Weinstein</p>	<p>Cambridge Residents Alliance (CResA) For City Council: Ayah Al-Zubi Doug Brown Patty Nolan Sumbul Siddiqui Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler Dan Totten Vernon Walker Ayesha Wilson Boston Democratic Socialists of America (BDSA) For City Council: Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler Dan Totten Zondervan endorsees Ayah Al-Zubi Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler Dan Totten Vernon Walker</p>
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Slate Voting - A Limited Comparison

Our municipal elections in recent years have seen the rise of political action committees and various candidate slates. The effectiveness of these slates is somewhat difficult to measure due to various confounding factors - the greatest of which is the role of incumbents who have a serious advantage in any election system due primarily to far greater name recognition. Suffice to say that good performance and poor performance as elected officials also are major factors in the value of incumbency. The presence of incumbents on a candidate slate surely gives an overall boost to that slate. The number of candidates on the slate also has an effect. Here are some comparisons of the various slates and pseudoslates in the 2023 municipal election (see above for acronyms) with number of candidates on slate and number of incumbents in parentheses):

Slate:	CCC (11 - 2)	CV4GG (7 - 1)	ABC (9 - 4)	ORC (5 - 0)	CResA (8 - 2)	Bike (11 - 4)	Zondervan (4 - 0)	Incumbents (6)
Voted Top 5	2439	97	2431	228	926	2812	--	711
Voted Top 4	3104	246	4098	518	1955	4027	379	1506
Voted Top 3	4041	693	6192	880	3610	6113	727	3622

"Voted Top 5" counts how many voters ranked their top 5 choices within the slate; "Voted Top 4" counts how many voters ranked their top 4 choices within the slate; "Voted Top 3" counts how many voters ranked their top 3 choices within the slate. There were 23339 valid ballots cast in the City Council election.

Having more incumbents on a slate clearly helped, but there were relative few voters who gave all of their highest rankings to all incumbents. As is often the case, many voters choose to rank one of two new candidates high on their list.

City Council Replacements

- in the event of a vacancy

- Burhan Azeem → Adrienne Klein
- Marc McGovern → Adrienne Klein
- Patricia Nolan → Cathie Zusy
- Joan Pickett → Cathie Zusy
- Sumbul Siddiqui → Ayah Al-Zubi
- Denise Simmons → Joe McGuirk
- Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler → Dan Totten
- Paul Toner → John Hanratty
- Ayesha Wilson → Joe McGuirk

School Committee Replacements

- in the event of a vacancy

- Richard Harding → Andrew King
- Elizabeth Hudson → Eugenia Schraa Huh
- Caroline Hunter → Eugenia Schraa Huh
- José Luis Villarreal → Eugenia Schraa Huh
- David Weinstein → Eugenia Schraa Huh
- Rachel Weinstein → Andrew King