



OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

September 29, 2021

Holyoke City Council  
536 Dwight St.  
Holyoke, MA 01040

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

Please accept this communication in response to the order filed by Councilor Bartley regarding the Preliminary Election.

**A. Did turnout meet expectations?** Yes. The last preliminary election that had a Mayoral Race was 2017. That election saw a 14% voter turnout. I predicted a 20% voter turnout and we saw 19%. As requested, below is a list of some of the results for preliminary's across Massachusetts.

- Northampton-24%
- Salem-21.5%
- Medford-20%
- Holyoke-19%
- Framingham-17%
- North Adams-16%
- Lynn-15%
- Fall River-12%
- Montague-11%
- Brockton-10%
- Chicopee-2%

**B. New Voting Machines-**the new voting machines had no issues. LHS Associates were on site from 5:45am until 10:00pm. They traveled throughout all the voting precincts the entire day and worked with our Wardens.

**C. Polling Locations-**We are satisfied with the polling locations. We still feel it may be beneficial to have another conversation about moving 4a/4b to the Senior Center at some point in the future.

**D. General Impressions-**This was an overall successful election with new voting equipment. While voter turnout appears low, you will notice it is similar (and even a bit higher) to other Massachusetts communities. We are expecting a bit of a higher turnout for the November election.

I hope this answers your questions. If you have any further questions or concern, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

Brenna Murphy McGee  
City Clerk/Registrar of Voters