

Melbourne City Council postal elections

Your Melbourne, your vote



Two simultaneous elections will be held for Melbourne City Council this October—one to elect the Leadership Team (Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor) and the other to elect nine councillors.

Voting

Ballot packs will be delivered to enrolled voters from Tuesday 6 October 2020. Your completed ballot papers must be returned in the mail ASAP or hand-delivered to the Election Manager by the close of voting at **6 pm on Friday 23 October 2020**.



If you will be away

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Friday 28 August 2020, your ballot pack can be redirected by writing to:

Election Manager
Melbourne City Council elections
C/- Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Alternatively, you can email your request to:

redirections@vec.vic.gov.au

Please include the address for redirection. Each voter requesting redirection must sign their request.

Requests for redirection must be received by **Thursday 17 September 2020**.

Large print and braille ballot papers

Large print or braille ballot papers are available for voters who are blind or have low vision—please register by **Tuesday 15 September 2020**. To register, call (03) 8620 1222 during business hours.

Request an early postal vote

To apply for an early postal vote, contact the Election Manager from **Wednesday 23 September 2020** on (03) 8619 1444 and make an application. You must provide a valid reason.

How to nominate as a candidate

Candidate requirements have recently changed. To nominate as a candidate, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Melbourne City Council **AND**
- be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected **AND**
- have completed the mandatory candidate training before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

To nominate, complete the nomination form and lodge it with the Election Manager together with the \$250 nomination fee. Nomination forms can be lodged by appointment during business hours from **Thursday 17 September 2020 until 12 noon on Tuesday 22 September 2020** at:

Drill Hall Multicultural Hub
51-57 Victoria Street, Melbourne

Candidates for the Leadership Team must nominate in pairs. Candidates nominating for a councillor position must nominate as individuals, but can request to be grouped with other candidates under a group name.

Visit vec.vic.gov.au for more information and to pre-complete your nomination form using the online Candidate Helper. The online Candidate Helper will be available from **Thursday 3 September 2020**.

If you use the online Candidate Helper, print your pre-completed form and make an appointment to lodge it with the Election Manager along with the nomination fee.

Call the Election Manager from **Monday 7 September 2020** on (03) 8619 1444 to make a nomination appointment.

Online candidate information sessions

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Victorian Electoral Commission's candidate information sessions will be conducted online at:

- **7 pm on Thursday 10 September 2020**
- AND**
- **1 pm on Monday 14 September 2020**

To watch an information session, visit vec.vic.gov.au

Nominations close

12 noon Tuesday 22 September

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au

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For enquiries in languages other than English call our interpreting service:

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- 粵語 9209 0101 Cantonese • **Hrvatski** 9209 0102 Croatian • دری 9209 0193 Dari
- **Dinka** 9209 0119 Dinka • **Ελληνικά** 9209 0103 Greek • **Italiano** 9209 0104 Italian • ខ្មែរ 9209 0192 Khmer
- 한국어 9209 0194 Korean • **Македонски** 9209 0105 Macedonian • 國語 9209 0106 Mandarin
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- **Soomaali** 9209 0108 Somali • **Español** 9209 0109 Spanish • **Türkçe** 9209 0110 Turkish
- Việt-ngữ 9209 0111 Vietnamese • All other **non-English** languages 9209 0112

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