

# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND CITY OF CRANSTON GENERAL ELECTION

To **RANDALL A. JACKVONY**, CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS, in Providence County in said City and State – GREETINGS:  
You are hereby commanded and required in the name of the Board of Canvassers and Registration of said City to post at least seven days previous to the day herein named written notifications in one public place in each Voting District of said City, giving notice to the qualified electors thereof to assemble in District Meetings on:

## TUESDAY, THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 2020

**AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES DURING THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.**

Ward-District Precinct	Cong.	Sen.	Rep.	Polling Location	Address	
1-1	0723	2	28	18	EDGEWOOD HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	160 PAWTUXET AVE
1-2	0724	2	28	18	WILLIAM HALL LIBRARY	1825 BROAD ST
1-3	0727	2	28	19	SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC LODGE	2115 BROAD ST
1-4	0714	2	28	16	CRANSTON PORTUGUESE CLUB	20 2ND AVE
1-5	0725	2	28	18	PARK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	25 PARK VIEW BLVD
2-1	0704	2	28	14	WILLIAM R. DUTEMPLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – USE ORCHARD ST	32 GARDEN ST
2-2	0721	2	28	17	CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST	899 PARK AVE
2-3	0717	2	27	17	EDEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – USE CHESTNUT AVE	180 OAKLAND AVE
2-4	0726	2	28	18	TEMPLO BIBLICO – AMERICAN LEGION POST 20	7 LEGION WAY
2-5	0710	2	27	16	DANIEL D. WATERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	722 PONTIAC AVE
2-6	0715	2	28	16	CLCF BUILDING – GYM	970 PONTIAC AVE
3-1	0701	2	26	14	CRANSTON SENIOR ENRICHMENT CENTER	1070 CRANSTON ST
3-2	0702	2	26	14	ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	155 PRINCESS AVE
3-3	0705	2	28	14	STADIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	100 CRESCENT AVE
3-4	0718	2	27	17	JOHN W. HORTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1196 PARK AVE
3-5	0722	2	28	17	PETER T. PASTORE, JR. YOUTH CENTER	155 GANSETT AVE
4-1	0730	2	26	41	ORCHARD FARMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1555 SCITUATE AVE
4-2	0706	2	26	15	CRANSTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH	1114 SCITUATE AVE
4-3	0707	2	26	15	HOPE HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL	300 HOPE RD
4-4	0708	2	27	15	OAK LAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – USE ALLARD ST	28 STONEHAM ST
5-1	0731	2	26	42	KELLEY-GAZZERRO VFW POST 2812	1418 PLAINFIELD PIKE
5-2	0703	2	26	14	SANTA MARIA DI PRATA SOCIETY	29 WALNUT GROVE AVE
5-3	0716	2	26	17	GEORGE J. PETERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15 MAYBERRY ST
5-4	0711	2	27	16	WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL	400 PHENIX AVE
5-5	0719	2	27	17	WOODRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	401 BUDLONG RD
6-1	0720	2	27	17	CRANSTON CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	140 SOCKANOSSET X RD
6-2	0712	2	27	16	GLEN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	50 GLEN HILLS DR
6-3	0713	2	27	16	GARDEN CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	70 PLANTATION DR
6-4	0709	2	27	15	RI NATIONAL GUARD BUILDING – SCHOFIELD ARMORY	705 NEW LONDON AVE
6-5	0728	2	27	20	RI NATIONAL GUARD BUILDING – SCHOFIELD ARMORY	705 NEW LONDON AVE

**For the purpose of electing various Federal, State, and City officials and for the approval or rejection of various State and City referenda, wherein said Electors shall:**  
in each voting district give in their ballots as provided by law for Presidential Electors for President and Vice President of the United States for a four-year term; for a Senator in Congress for a six-year term and a Representative in Congress for the Second Congressional District of the State of Rhode Island for a two-year term; for a Member of the Rhode Island General Assembly to represent the Twenty-Sixth, Twenty-Seventh, and Twenty-Eighth Senate Districts for a two-year term; for a Member of the Rhode Island General Assembly to represent the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Forty-First, and Forty-Second Representative Districts for a two-year term; for Mayor of the City of Cranston for a four-year term; for three Members of the Cranston City Council – City Wide for a two-year term; for a Member of the Cranston City Council to represent the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Wards of the City for a two-year term; for a Member of the Cranston School Committee – City Wide for a two-year term; for a Member of the Cranston School Committee to represent the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Wards of the City for a two-year term; and will approve or reject the state and local bond issues, propositions, questions, and amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Cranston herein printed:



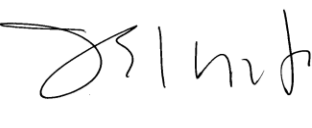

### STATE QUESTION 1

### QUESTIONS 2-11 – LOCAL CRANSTON QUESTIONS

<p><b>I. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (CHANGING THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE STATE)</b> (Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution) Approval of the amendment to the Title, Preamble, Section 3 of Article III, and Section 8 of Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution set forth below will have the effect of changing the official name of the State from "State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" to "State of Rhode Island".</p> <p>Full text of amendment for Question 1</p> <p>CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND</p> <p>PREAMBLE</p> <p>We, the people of this State which state shall henceforth be known as the state of Rhode Island, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and to transmit the same, unimpaired, to succeeding generations, do ordain and establish this Constitution of government.</p> <p>ARTICLE III OF QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE</p> <p>Section 3. Oath of general officers. -- All general officers shall take the following engagement before they act in their respective offices, to wit: You being by the free vote of the electors of this state of Rhode Island, elected unto the place of do solemnly swear (or, affirm) to be true and faithful unto this state, and to support the Constitution of this state and of the United States; that you will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties of your aforesaid office to the best of your abilities, according to law; So help you God. [Or: This affirmation you make and give upon the peril of the penalty of perjury.]</p> <p>ARTICLE IX OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER</p> <p>Section 8. Commissions. -- All commissions shall be in the name and by authority of the State of Rhode Island; shall be sealed with the state seal, signed by the governor, and attested by the secretary.</p>	<p><b>2. SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES \$147,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES</b> (Local Acts 57 and 90 - Acts and Resolves of 2020) Shall an act, passed at the 2020 session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Cranston to Issue Not to Exceed \$147,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Notes and Other Evidences of Indebtedness to Finance the Construction, Renovation, Improvement, Alteration, Repair, Landscaping, Furnishing and Equipping of Schools and School Facilities Throughout the City, Subject to Approval of State Housing Aid at a Reimbursement Rate or State Share Ratio of Not Less Than 50% at the Time of Issuance and Provided That the Authorization Shall Be Reduced by the Amount of Certain Grants Received From State Bond Proceeds, From the Rhode Island Department of Education or From the Rhode Island School Building Authority" be approved?</p>	<p><b>3. FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT \$2,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES</b> (Local Acts 68 and 88 - Acts and Resolves of 2020) Shall an act, passed at the 2020 session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Cranston to Finance the Acquisition, Improvement, Renovation, Repair, Alteration, Furnishing and Equipping of Public Buildings in the City by the Issuance of Not More Than \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes Thereof" be approved?</p>	<p><b>4. PUBLIC BUILDINGS \$1,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES</b> (Local Acts 69 and 87 - Acts and Resolves of 2020) Shall an act, passed at the 2020 session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Cranston to Finance the Construction, Improvement, Renovation, Repair, Alteration, Furnishing and Equipping of Public Buildings in the City by the Issuance of Not More Than \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes Thereof" be approved?</p>	<p><b>5. PLAYGROUNDS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS \$2,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES</b> (Local Acts 70 and 89 - Acts and Resolves of 2020) Shall an act, passed at the 2020 session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Cranston to Finance the Design, Construction, Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement of Streets, Sidewalks and Bridges in the City, Including but Not Limited to, Paving, Drainage, Traffic Control Devices, Road Maintenance Equipment, Safety Improvements and Landscaping and All Costs Incidental or Related Thereto by the Issuance of Not More Than \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes Thereof" be approved?</p>	<p><b>6. STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND BRIDGES \$10,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES</b> (Local Acts 71 and 86 - Acts and Resolves of 2020) Shall an act, passed at the 2020 session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Cranston to Finance the Design, Construction, Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement of Streets, Sidewalks and Bridges in the City, Including but Not Limited to, Paving, Drainage, Traffic Control Devices, Road Maintenance Equipment, Safety Improvements and Landscaping and All Costs Incidental or Related Thereto by the Issuance of Not More Than \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes Thereof" be approved?</p>	<p><b>7. RENEWABLE ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS \$5,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES</b> (Local Acts 72 and 91 - Acts and Resolves of 2020) Shall an act, passed at the 2020 session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Cranston to Finance the Design, Construction, Repair, Rehabilitation and Installation of Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Improvements That Reduce Energy Costs and/or Use of Fossil Fuels in Public Buildings and Facilities in the City and All Attendant Expenses, Including but Not Limited to, Engineering Costs by the Issuance of Not More Than \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and Notes Thereof" be approved?</p>
<p><b>QUESTIONS 8-11 ARE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CRANSTON HOME RULE CHARTER</b></p>	<p><b>8. WARD REDISTRICTING</b> (Resolution of the City Council No. 2020-25 adopted June 25, 2020) Shall an amendment to Section 2.03 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Cranston, to prohibit gerrymandering and protect the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods in the redistricting process, be approved?</p> <p><b>Sec. 2.03 - Elective officers--Mayor and council.</b> By ordinance, the city shall be divided into six wards in a manner that each ward shall (1) consist of a compact and contiguous portion of the city; (2) respect the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or local communities of interest in a manner which minimizes their division to the extent possible; (3) be bounded by major roads or natural features to the extent possible; and (4) All wards shall contain as nearly as possible an equal number of inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census, and shall request that such plan be enacted into law. The place of residence of any incumbent or political candidate shall not be considered in the creation of wards. Wards shall not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.</p>	<p><b>9. MAYOR'S LINE ITEM VETO</b> (Resolution of the City Council No. 2020-28 adopted June 25, 2020) Shall an amendment to Section 6.10 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Cranston, to allow the mayor to veto a change in a line item in the annual budget, be approved?</p> <p><b>Sec. 6.10 - Mayor's item veto.</b> The signature of the mayor shall not be required on the operating budget and appropriation ordinance. Following their adoption, if the council has changed increased the amount of any item or items of appropriation or added an item or items of appropriation not included in the operating budget and appropriation ordinance as submitted by the mayor the city clerk shall forthwith deliver to the mayor a copy of the portion of the journal recording such changes. If the mayor disapproves of any such change, the mayor shall within forty-eight hours of his receipt of the record of changes file with the city clerk a message of disapproval. The council may by a vote of two-thirds of all its members override the mayor's disapproval. If the mayor's disapproval is not overridden the change disapproved shall be eliminated.</p>	<p><b>10. RAINY DAY FUND (UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE)</b> (Resolution of the City Council No. 2020-29 adopted June 25, 2020) Shall an amendment to Chapter 6 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Cranston, requiring the city to maintain a Rainy Day Fund equal to at least five percent of the city's annual operating budget that could be used only for an emergency, be approved?</p> <p><b>Sec. 6.20 - Rainy Day Fund (Undesignated Fund Balance)</b> The city shall maintain an undesignated fund balance (Rainy Day Fund), which shall, at a minimum, be equal to five percent of the city's annual operating budget. No appropriation, allotment or expenditure shall be made which would cause the year end undesignated fund balance (Rainy Day Fund) to go below five percent of the city's annual operating budget except for an unanticipated non-recurring expenditure or revenue loss arising from an emergency involving the health, safety or property of the residents of the City of Cranston. Such an appropriation that would cause the amount in the year end undesignated fund balance (Rainy Day Fund) to go below five percent of the city's annual operating budget shall be made upon the written recommendation of the mayor and approved by the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the entire city council.</p>	<p><b>11. PROPERTY TAX LEVY CAP</b> (Resolution of the City Council No. 2020-36 adopted July 16, 2020) Shall an amendment to Chapter 6 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Cranston, to cap annual increases in the property tax levy to no more than three percent subject to certain limited exceptions, be approved?</p> <p><b>Sec. 6.21 - Property Tax Levy Cap</b> The city may not increase the property tax levy by more than three percent but no higher than four percent above the amount levied for the previous fiscal year unless approved by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the entire city council and at least one of the conditions set forth in R.I.G.L. Section 44-5-2 is met. Furthermore, the city may not increase the property tax levy by more than four percent above the amount levied for the previous fiscal year unless approved by the affirmative vote of at least four-fifths of the entire city council and at least one of the conditions set forth in R.I.G.L. Section 44-5-2 is met.</p> <p>R.I.G.L. Section 44-5-2 provides for the following conditions for a tax increase: (1) the city forecasts or experiences a loss in total non-property tax revenues; (2) the city experiences or anticipates an emergency; (3) the city forecasts or experiences debt services expenditures that exceed the prior year's debt service expenditures by an amount greater than a four percent increase; or (4) the city experiences substantial growth in its tax base as the result of major new construction that necessitates either significant infrastructure or school housing expenditures by the city or a significant increase in the need for essential municipal services.</p>		

**AND TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE SAID ELECTION.** Witness our hands and those of the Board of Canvassers and Registration of the City of Cranston this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 2020:

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON:**  
You are hereby notified and warned to assemble in District Meetings at the time and place therein named for the purposes therein set forth.

This notice is hereby posted and published in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 17-18-3 by the Cranston Board of Canvassers.  
*Randall A. Jackvony, Chairman; Gary J. Vierra and Fred E. Joslyn, Jr., Members.*

To locate your polling location, to determine your voter status, or to view a sample of the ballot you will be voting on Election Day, visit [vote.ri.gov](http://vote.ri.gov), or call the City of Cranston Canvassing Department at 401-780-3121 with any questions. Visit us online at [www.cranstonri.gov](http://www.cranstonri.gov). Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 100 at Cranston City Hall.