

Vote NO on Question 2

Democrats, Republicans & Independents Are
Coming Together to Oppose Question #2

Join these community leaders
in keeping the Nashua Police
Commission free from
political influence.

- ★ **Kelly Ayotte,**
Former Attorney General and US Senator
- ★ **Joseph Foster,**
Former Attorney General and State Senator
- ★ **Ed Lecius,**
Community Leader
- ★ **Mike Soucy,**
County Commissioner
- ★ **The following Aldermen voted to
reject the charter change:**
L. Wilshire - President
M. O'Brien - Vice President
B. Clemons - At Large
S. Kelly - At Large
D. Tencza - At Large
R. Dowd - Ward 2
E. Lu - Ward 6
J. Caron - Ward 7
- ★ **Michael Carignan,**
Chief, Nashua PD
- ★ **Timothy Hefferan,**
Retired Chief, Nashua PD

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What Nashua City Leaders are Saying

“I’ve been an Alderman now for the majority of the last 13 years. There is absolutely nothing in the Mayor’s proposal that guarantees a woman will be appointed to the Police Commission. Furthermore, there is nothing that guarantees a minority, or anyone else for that matter, will be appointed to the police commission. This is ridiculous, it’s pure political rhetoric at its absolute worst, it’s misleading, and for those who know better (like everyone here) it makes the Mayor untrustworthy. I just want to point out that the Majority of the current Aldermen are against this measure.”

- Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons (D)

“Our police department does not get nationwide recognition for no reason. This is an attempt to gain control of the department, period.”

- Board of Aldermen President Lori Wilshire (D)
Board of Aldermen Vice President Michael O’Brien (D)
Alderman Elizabeth Lu (I)
Alderman June Caron (D)

Don’t Forget to Flip Your Ballot Over to Vote NO on Question #2
On November 2, 2021

You Deserve the Facts!

2. Shall the City approve the proposed Charter Amendment summarized below relative to the increase in membership and appointment of Nashua Police Commissioners by the Mayor and the President of the Board of Aldermen upon approval of the Board of Aldermen?

YES
NO

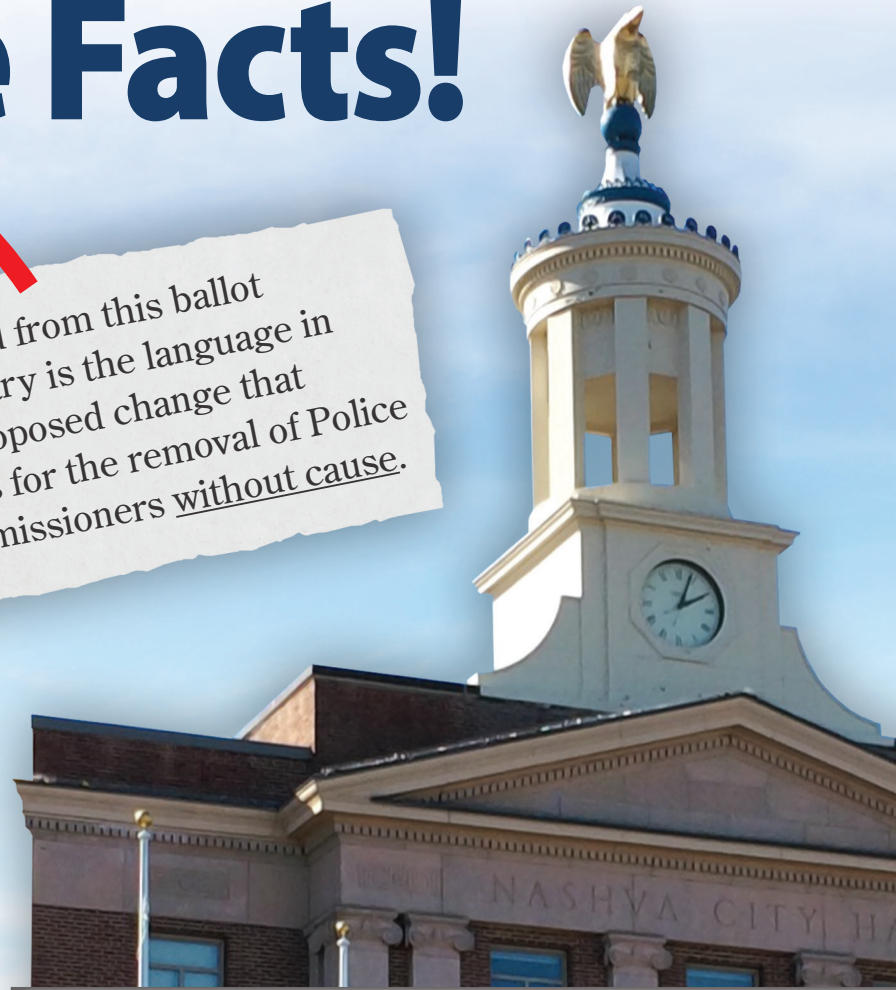
The amendment changes the membership of Nashua Board of Police Commissioners from three commissioners appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to five commissioners with three appointed by the Mayor and two appointed by the President of the Board of Aldermen and all confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. Appointments shall be based upon qualifications, merit and record of community service and should be balanced so that the membership of the Commission reflects the citizenship of the City. Members of the immediate family of and residents of the same household with the Mayor and any Alderman would be ineligible.

Omitted from this ballot summary is the language in the proposed change that allows for the removal of Police Commissioners without cause.

- This change is not about local control. It's about total control by City Hall. Removal without cause **will create a revolving door of police commissioners** each serving at the will of city hall.
- **Appropriate control and transparency already exist.** The Board of Aldermen already must approve the police budget. Anyone can nominate an individual to be commissioner (though the mayor never has). The commissioners must be Nashua residents. Commissioner meetings are open to the public.
- Nashua is the safest city in New Hampshire and third safest in the country. The Nashua Police Department is held out as a standard for other police departments. **Why would we change it to be like other departments?**
- **The Board of Aldermen already rejected this change** and created a study committee to review the issue, invite public input as well as police input, and review multiple commission structures. The voters are not being presented with the whole story or a thoughtful approach to change. **Why would we rush this without proper review and options being presented?**

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Say NO to this power grab and Vote NO on Question 2 on November 2, 2021



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