

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

## *The mayor says this is about local control & diversity... but this is misleading.*

- ★ All 3 current Nashua Police Commissioners are long term Nashua residents, and the city charter requires future appointees to be Nashua residents for a minimum of 5 years prior to nomination...  
**We already HAVE local control.**
- ★ The independence of the Police Department and Commission has been essential in the past when they **investigated, prosecuted and convicted** three sitting aldermen in the 1990s. It has also been essential in investigations since then.
- ★ The proposed city charter change also allows for local politicians to **remove a police commissioner without cause**, which is additionally a significant concern.
- ★ Both the mayor and Board of Aldermen have always had the power to nominate ANY person for consideration to the police commission. Even as recent as August 2021, Commissioner Dahl came up for reappointment and they did not submit an alternate nominee for consideration, despite repeated claims of wanting diversity.  
**This is NOT about diversity.**
- ★ The mayor has chosen this issue as the priority issue for Nashua, despite many other pressing issues relative to the pandemic, public health, taxes, spending, schools, opioid crisis, and more.  
**Why?**
- ★ There has **not been time** to research the ramifications or explore other options. There should be open discussions with both sides on this very important charter change. On August 10, 2021 the **Board of Aldermen officially REJECTED** this charter change for this reason, however, a citizen petition promoted by the mayor placed it on the ballot anyway.

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

To learn more:



- ★ **Michael Carignan,**  
Chief, Nashua PD
- ★ **Timothy Hefferan,**  
Retired Chief, Nashua PD

## Please Vote "No" on Question #2 – On The Back Of Your Ballot

If you can't make it to the polls on Nov. 2, you may qualify for an absentee ballot.  
Go to the [NashuaNH.gov](https://NashuaNH.gov) website and search: Absentee Ballot

# Vote NO on Question 2

## Keep Nashua's Police Commission Independent!

Nashua Municipal Election November 2, 2021

Since March 19, 1891, the Nashua Police Department has been under the authority of a three-person Police Commission appointed by the Governor of New Hampshire and approved by the Executive Council. Police Commissioners must be Nashua residents for a minimum of 5 years prior to their appointment. Names can be submitted by any Nashua resident or government official for consideration.

***Our current system is working,  
so WHY rush to change the city  
charter before fully studying  
the potential impacts?***

- ★ *Nashua was recently named 3rd safest city in the country.*
- ★ *The Nashua Police are among 5% of all police agencies in the country to receive accreditation from CALEA, the Gold Standard in Public Safety. Of that 5%, Nashua Police have achieved the distinction of "advanced accreditation", which requires it to meet a far greater number of standards than basic accreditation.*
- ★ *Nashua's current system allows for investigations, hiring, and promotion decisions to be conducted without the risk of nepotism, favoritism, corruption, bias, or undue influence from local officials.*



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For more information & history on Question 2, go to:  
**[www.citizensforabetternashua.com](http://www.citizensforabetternashua.com)**

1.) <https://wallethub.com/edu/safest-cities-in-america/41926>