

## **“INACTIVE” – WHAT DOES IT MEAN? HOW DID IT HAPPEN? HOW TO CHANGE BACK TO “ACTIVE” STATUS?**

Voters become “**inactive**” from the Voting List when they (1) do not respond to the Annual Listing of Residents; (2) move within the City and do not submit a change of address with the Election Department; or (3) move out of the City and have not registered to vote in their new city or town.

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### **INFORMATION FOR INACTIVE VOTERS WHO HAVE MOVED FROM ONE BOSTON VOTING ADDRESS TO ANOTHER WITHOUT MAKING AN ADDRESS CHANGE WITH THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT**

#### **INACTIVE VOTERS CAN STILL VOTE!**

- You must go to the polling location for the precinct where you were last registered to vote.
- At the check-in table, give the clerk your name and your old address. Your name will have a letter “I” next to it, indicating you are inactive.
- You will be asked to show identification (from your current address).
- You will be required to fill out a form called “**Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence**” which means that you have maintained residency in the City of Boston.
- You will fill out a **new voter registration form** for the new address and leave it with the election officers. Once processed, this will transfer your registration to the new address for future elections.
- You will be allowed to vote.

To avoid these problems in the future, please make sure to respond to the **Annual Listing of Residents** which is mailed to every Boston household each year. It takes less than 5 minutes to fill out the form and send back in the prepaid envelope. You may also respond online, or by telephone. This allows us to send you information in a timely manner regarding updating your voting information.

The Listing is conducted in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws in every city and town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By taking a moment to respond, the Election Department is able to keep your voter history and voting address up-to-date, even if you may occasionally miss the opportunity to vote.

If you choose **not** to vote in the election, please download a new voter registration form from [www.cityofboston.gov/elections](http://www.cityofboston.gov/elections) and fill out with your new address. Mail the completed and signed form to: **Boston Election Department; One City Hall Plaza, Room 241; Boston, MA 02201.**

Please call the Boston Election Department at **617-635-3767** if you have any further questions or concerns.