

**2021 DIRECT PETITION TO MOVE THE DATE
OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK**

To the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Teaneck:

I, the undersigned, registered voter of the Township of Teaneck, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby request that the following question to change the municipal charter of the Township of Teaneck, be submitted to the electorate for a vote in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69A-25.1, at the general election which next follows the submission of this petition:

Shall the charter of the Township of Teaneck, governed by the Council-Manager Plan of the Optional Municipal Charter Law, be amended, as permitted under that plan, to provide for the holding of nonpartisan general elections in November pursuant to the Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law?

I, the undersigned, registered voter of the Township of Teaneck, Bergen County, New Jersey, further recommend that the following interpretive statement be submitted to the voters along with the question:

Interpretive Statement: The Township of Teaneck currently holds its nonpartisan municipal elections in May. This ballot question asks the voters whether they want to adopt nonpartisan elections that would be held in November instead of May. If the voters say “Yes,” candidates for Township Council will appear on the November election ballot without any political affiliation and there will be no primary election for candidates for Township Council. In additions, there will be clear separation on the general election ballot in November between the nonpartisan candidates for Township Council and the partisan candidates nominated by a political party for any other public office. A “No” vote will result in the continuation of nonpartisan elections to be held in May.

COMMITTEE OF PETITIONERS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186:

1. Loretta Weinberg, 9 Millay Court, Teaneck, NJ 07666
2. Theodora Lacey, 168 Stuyvesant Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666
3. Jeremy Lentz, 493 Cumberland Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666
4. Teji Vega, 1118 Falmouth Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666
5. Reshma Khan, 108 Audubon Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666

Explanatory Statement from the Committee of Petitioners:

Due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 132 on April 29, 2020 which allowed for the submission of initiative and referendum petitions electronically. On January 25, 2021, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 216, which reaffirmed that initiative and referendum petitions can be submitted electronically. In the interest of public safety and to limit unnecessary person-to-person contact, the Committee of Petitioners prepared this electronic petition. A website was built using technology to keep the internet connection secure and safeguard the transmission of the petition. The electronic petition was embedded into the website using software which allows for electronic signatures that are legal, trusted, and enforceable. The e-signature process is tracked securely and recorded in an audit trail, which provides clear evidence for each signature so that it can be proven the petition was signed and who signed it. Copies of e-signed petitions are automatically sent to the signer and to the Committee of Petitioners.

I, the undersigned, registered voter of the Township of Teaneck, Bergen County, New Jersey, acknowledge having read the entire petition including the question and interpretive statement appearing on the first page.

Signature:

Name:

Address:

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