

Newtons Ballot Question on Parking

A joint message from the “Yes” and “No” Committees

Election Day is behind us.

With record voter turnout and a razor-thin margin, Newton voters have decided to keep the overnight parking ban in place for now, while a comprehensive plan is developed.

While opinions differed on the ballot question, the two opposing committees—both the “Yes” and “No” campaigns—are now united in purpose. We are now coming together as a united community group. Together, we are calling on the City Council to take swift action to develop a comprehensive, thoughtful, and balanced parking policy that reflects the unique needs of each of Newton’s villages and neighborhoods. The two groups will be meeting regularly in order to strategize how to be the best resource for the City Council in it’s forthcoming work on parking policy.

Both sides shared the same goal all along—to develop parking policies that serve all of our residents’ needs. We differed in how best to make that happen.

For the past three years, there have been several efforts to modernize Newton’s parking regulations. When those efforts stalled, residents took the issue to the ballot box. Some believed that repealing the current policy would force meaningful reform; others believed change should come only after a new plan was in place.

Now, both sides agree: the complexity of this issue demands leadership from the City Council. It’s time for our elected officials to move forward—without delay—to craft a fair, balanced, and practical parking plan. One that isn’t overly broad or burdensome, and which will aim to address with expediency the issue.

As neighbors, we stand together—Yes and No—for a better Newton.

We pledge to work collaboratively and constructively. We urge the Council to make parking reform a top priority and to work collaboratively with residents to build a policy that serves every village and every resident.

It’s time to move forward, together, for a better Newton.

Signed,

Keep Our Overnight Winter Parking Ban Committee

Vote Yes to Repeal the Winter Overnight Parking Ban Committee