

Statement by Mayor-elect Marc Laredo

November 29, 2025

First, I want to thank Councilor Gentile as he retires from the City Council at the end of December for his 18 terms of service on the City Council, in addition to his four terms on the School Committee. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

One of the great privileges of campaigning for Mayor was the opportunity to knock on doors throughout the city and hear directly from our residents and businesses. I learned firsthand what people love about Newton, as well as where they see opportunities for improvement.

Every personnel decision I am making, and any that I make in the future, directly targets the areas where our residents believe we can do better. With nearly a century of combined municipal leadership experience, my team and I bring strengths that align with the priorities our community wants to see reflected at City Hall.

The new structure for the Mayor's Office fits within this year's existing budget. After consulting with the City's Law Department, it has confirmed that a formal reorganization plan is not required to implement the staffing additions I will be making to the Mayor's Office.

I have not yet assumed the office of Mayor, but when I do, I look forward to working collaboratively and transparently with the City Council and with our residents. Together, we will focus on delivering the exemplary city services and customer service that our community deserves. To the extent needed, in January I will submit a request to the new City Council to transfer funds within the already approved budget.

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