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Allston, Brighton voters heavily favor Obama, Warren

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Allston and Brighton voters overwhelmingly chose to reelect Democrat Barack Obama as President Tuesday and to send Democrat Elizabeth Warren to the US Senate.

In Allston, about 52.5 percent of the neighborhood's 17,367 registered voters cast ballots; and, in Brighton, about 61.3 percent of the 27,442 registered voters went to the polls, according to preliminary results the Globe compiled from raw tallies provided by Boston election officials.

Obama received about 80 percent of the vote in Allston compared to about 15 percent for Republican challenger Mitt Romney, the data shows.

In Brighton, about 73 percent voted for Obama and about 24 percent voted for Romney.

Warren received about 76 percent of the vote in Allston compared to about 22

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percent for Republican incumbent US Senator Scott Brown, according to the unofficial results.

In Brighton, about 66 percent voted for Warren and about 32 percent voted for Brown.

Citywide, voter turnout was about 64 percent, with nearly 79 percent of voters choosing Obama and about 19 percent selecting Romney. About 74 percent of Boston voters opted for Warren, compared to about 26 percent who backed Brown.

The lines were long early Tuesday morning and in the evening at the Jackson Mann K-8 School in Allston. The lined wrapped around the school and some voters waited outside in the cold for more than one hour before having a chance to cast a ballot.

Brandon Rawnsley, 27, previewed his long wait when he drove by the school Tuesday evening before heading out to vote. Seeing how long the line was then, he brought a book with him to read.

"I'll stick it out because it's moving at a reasonable pace," he said, holding onto a copy of "This Is How You Lose Her" by Junto Diaz.

Kelly Sielis arrived at the school just before noon Tuesday and had virtually no wait. She said it was her first time voting.

The 21-year-old Boston University student said she voted for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

"I believe that he's had a sound record as governor of Massachusetts and as a business leader," she said.

Sielis said she voted for incumbent US Senator Scott Brown, a Republican, because "he's done a good job," and because she did not like the public persona of his opponent, Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat.



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