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Boston to tie record for most women serving on City Council

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Andrea Joy Campbell greeted well-wishers Tuesday night.

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Boston voters on Tuesday [picked a pair of women](#) to join the City Council, unseating two long-serving men and bringing the total number of women on the council to four, which ties the record.

Four women councilors will serve on the 13-member panel for at least the next two years — returning councilors Ayanna Pressley and Michelle Wu, and newcomers Annissa Essaibi George and Andrea Joy Campbell.

The only other period when four women served on the council was from 1994 through 1997, when Diane J. Modica, Maura A. Hennigan, Maureen E. Feeney, and Peggy Davis-Mullen all had terms that overlapped, according to a Globe analysis of city records.

The first woman to serve on the council was Mildred M. Harris in 1937.

Since then, 10 other women have held a seat on the council. Essaibi George and Campbell will be the 12th and 13th councilwomen when they are officially sworn in next year.



A look at Annissa Essaibi George

The high school teacher beat Stephen J. Murphy to capture the fourth at-large seat representing the entire city.

A look at Andrea Joy Campbell
Newcomers oust experienced councilors

There has been at least one woman on the council for the past 41 years, since 1974.

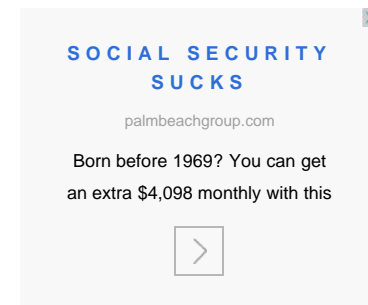
The longest-serving councilwoman was Hennigan, who held a seat for 24 years, from 1982 through 2005.

When the council was first formed in 1822, there were two branches: a board of aldermen and a common council. It remained in that form through 1909 when the two-branch system was dropped for a nine-member at-large council.

In 1983, the council was restructured again, expanding to become a 13-member body consisting of four at-large seats and nine district seats.

Number of women on the Boston City Council during the past century

The first year a woman served on the council was 1937.



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The history of women on the Boston City Council

Councilwomen	Years	Notes
Annissa Essaibi George	2-year term starts 2016	
Andrea Joy Campbell	2-year term starts 2016	
Michelle Wu	2014-present	
Ayanna Pressley	2010-present	
Maureen E. Feeney	1994-2011*	*resigned November 10, 2011
Peggy Davis Mullen	1994-2001	
Diane J. Modica	1994-1997	
Rosaria Salerno	1988-1993	
Maura A. Hennigan (Casey)	1982-2005	
Rosemarie E. Sansone	1978-1981	
Louise Day Hicks	1970-1971*, 1974-1977, 1979**	*resigned January 25, 1971. **resigned January 3, 1979.
Katherine Craven	1964-1967	

Mildred M. Harris

1937-1939

first woman on council

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