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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL  
**SPECIAL Budget & Finance Committee Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 29, 2020– 6:00 p.m.  
**REMOTE MEETING**  
AGENDA

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1. Approval of recommended draft ballot question for the November 3, 2020 election regarding the debt exclusion for the construction of a new East Gloucester/Veterans Memorial Elementary School

COMMITTEE

**Chair, Councilor Melissa Cox**

**Vice Chair, Councilor Scott Memhard**

**Councilor John McCarthy**

CC: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken  
Vanessa Krawczyk  
John Dunn

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CITY OF GLOUCESTER  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO: City Council  
FROM: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken  
DATE: July 27, 2020  
RE: Addendum to Mayor's Report for July 28, 2020 City Council Meeting

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Members of the City Council:

The process for a combined East Gloucester/Veterans Memorial Elementary School continues. Gloucester residents will be involved in the final decision through a debt exclusion vote in the upcoming November election. The City of Gloucester remains financially stable and ready to move forward with this important project to give our children the school they deserve.

As a matter of procedure, the ballot question for the debt exclusion may be placed on the state biennial election in November but must first be submitted to the Secretary of State's office for certification by Wednesday August 5.

**Enclosure 1** is the recommended draft ballot question for the November debt exclusion vote. The question reads: Shall the City of Gloucester be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for bonds issued in order to provide the necessary funding for the design, site work, construction and outfitting of a new East Gloucester/Veterans Memorial Elementary School. ***Please refer this matter to the Budget and Finance Standing Committee for review and approval.*** Appropriate City and School representatives will be available to answer questions and provide further information.

As always, we encourage the City Council to contact us for any questions or comments regarding this submission but we will continue to offer updates and insights across all these matters as they move forward.

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Sefatia Romeo Theken

# **ENCLOSURE 1**

## **BALLOT QUESTION**

Shall the City of Gloucester be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for bonds issued in order to provide the necessary funding for the design, site work, construction and outfitting of a new East Gloucester/Veterans Memorial Elementary School.