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2009 Municipal General Election

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

My fellow resident of Detroit, on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 a Municipal General Election will be held to elect candidates for the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, City Council, Charter Commission and Board of Education At-Large. The Election Connection Newsletter has been mailed to each registered voter household in Detroit to provide you with information concerning the General Election. Before going to the polls on Election Day, use the sample ballot to select the candidates you wish to vote for. Take your sample ballot with your predetermined candidates to the voting booth and transfer your choices to the actual ballot that will be issued to you at your polling precinct. This recommendation will help your Election Day experience to be pleasant. We must make Democracy work for us by learning about those we wish

to vote for. **To ensure that you are choosing the right candidates that will represent you, it is important that you research candidates using the local Newspaper, publius.org and League of Women Voters' voter guide. Also attend and actively participate in as many candidate forums as possible.**

Remember, knowledge is power.

For those who qualify, beginning on October 5th thru November 1st, you may vote by absentee ballot at the Department of Elections. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. On Monday

November 2nd, you may vote by absentee until 4:00 p.m. If you wish to have an absentee ballot mailed to you, please contact the Absentee Voting Unit at (313) 876-0212 and an absentee ballot application will be sent to your home.

REMEMBER:

- To determine your respective district and precinct and Election Day polling location, refer to the above chart.
- When going to vote, please be prepared to present photo ID. If you do not have photo ID, you must fill out and sign an affidavit.
- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Anyone in line before the polls close will be allowed to vote.

For further information, please contact the Department of Elections at (313) 876-0190.

*Let's Vote Because
It's Not Only Our Right,
It's The Right Thing
To Do!*

After the Polls Close

The right to vote is a very precious one and your Department of Elections is committed to making sure that when you vote on Election Day your vote gets counted.

Have you ever wondered what happens to make sure your vote is counted? When the polls close, a very carefully drawn plan goes into operation with one goal: to assure that every vote cast in all 529 Detroit precincts is protected and counted.

The process begins as soon as the polls close.

Memory cards, which include a record of all the votes cast in a precinct, are delivered to the Department of Elections by two supervisory staff from each precinct. The cards are immediately uploaded into the election data system and Election Day results are received and reported to the public and the media.

At the same time, an inventory is performed immediately to account for all supplies that were issued for each of the 529 voting precincts and the 100 absentee counting boards.

The day after the election, a report is issued listing the total votes cast in each of Detroit's precincts. At the same time, the total votes recorded for each precinct are compared with the total number of voters who actually voted in that precinct on Election Day. The comparison is made to ensure that every vote that is cast is actually counted. You may remember that when you vote, your name is written in a log/ poll book alongside a number that tells how many people have voted at that time. This is why that log is compiled; to assure that the total ballots counted equals the total number of people that voted.

Any difference between the number of voters in the poll book and the precinct report, no matter how small, must be accounted for and reconciled before the election can be certified. On the Thursday after each Election Day, the Detroit Board of Canvassers meet to begin the canvass of the official election returns. A detailed report is given to the Board identifying all post election activities. The Board also receives a report that analyzes the precincts that did not balance/reconcile; meaning that the counts between the pollbook and the precincts vote totals did not match. Based on the analytical report provided, the Board determines whether those precincts require further investigation.

Once reconciliation of all precincts is completed, the Detroit Board of Canvassers may certify the election. This canvassing process and certification of the election must be completed within 14 days of the election.

This very detailed process is in place for one reason — to assure that every vote cast by every Detroit voter counts. Please join your fellow Detroiters and get out on Nov. 3 to exercise the most fundamental right and duty of living in a democracy like ours — the right to vote.

“After the Polls Close”

by

Dorothy Burrell, Chairperson

Detroit Board of Canvassers

Clarifying Designations and the Law

By Janice Winfrey

In the recent Primary Election, there were 168 candidates for Detroit City Council. Twenty-seven (27) council candidates received designations beneath their names. The justification for candidates receiving designations rests with Michigan Election Law. The Law entitles those who have same or similar surnames, and are running in the same office, with the opportunity to distinguish themselves. Designations that are acceptable include occupation, date of birth, or home address.

Michigan Compiled Law 168.561 directs election administrators in the method and manner by which to proceed in these instances. The procedure that the Detroit

Department of Elections followed for the August 4, 2009 Primary are the same that have been followed for every Municipal Primary held in Detroit for more that 25 years. For instance, in the 2005 Municipal Primary, thirty-one (31) of the 120 City Council candidates had designations associated with their names.

Designations are not unique to Municipal Elections. The law mandates that in a district that is a county or entirely within one (1) county, candidates who have same or similar surnames and are running in the same office have the right to receive clarifying designations. In the 1990 State Primary, two candidates running for

state representative in the ninth district received designations because they had the same last name (Ann-Frances Terrel – Formerly Frances Terrell-Self Employed; Ethel Terrell – State Representative). In the same election, two candidates running for state representative in the third district had similar last names and received designations (Ilona Varga – State Representative; Jeff Vega – Self Employed).

The law also stipulates that in instances where candidates have changed their name within the last 10 years, their current name and former name must be placed on the ballot (MCL 168.560b). Upon receiving candidates written requests, the Election Commission approves or rejects the designation. After

the designations have been approved and finalized, they are mailed to every candidate – not just those who receive designations – to ensure that each has an opportunity to approve or challenge the designations. After all issues of concern have been resolved, the Department of Elections proceeds with the printing of the ballot. As your City Clerk, it is imperative that I provide you with information that will increase your knowledge base about provisions of the Michigan Election Law and reasons why the Detroit Department of Elections must strictly adhere to the processes as prescribed by the state laws that govern elections.

After the polls close November 3, 2009,
view Election results as they are being reported.

Please visit our website:
www.vote4detroit.com

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It's The Right Thing To Do!*

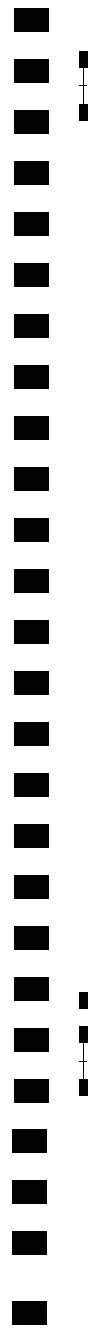
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<p>OFFICIAL BALLOT City General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2009 Wayne County, Michigan City of Detroit</p> <p>TO VOTE: Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown: (<input type="radio"/>).</p> <p>IMPORTANT: To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR! DO NOT vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.</p> <p>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate in the blank space provided and completely darken the oval. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.</p> <p>CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT: This ballot has two sides. Be certain to check the reverse side of the ballot.</p> <p>WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING: Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot.)</p> <p>NOTE: If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or correct any marks made in error.</p>						
NONPARTISAN SECTION						
CITY		CITY COUNCIL Vote For Not More Than 9	CHARTER COMMISSION Vote For Not More Than 9			
MAYOR Vote For Not More Than 1		John K. Bennett <input type="radio"/>	Cara J. Blount <input type="radio"/>			
Tom Joe Barrow <input type="radio"/>		Gary Brown <input type="radio"/>	Ken Coleman <input type="radio"/>			
Dave Bing <input type="radio"/>		Ken Cockrel Jr. <input type="radio"/>	Warren A. Crockett <input type="radio"/>			
<input type="radio"/>		David J. Cross <input type="radio"/>	Reggie Reg Davis <input type="radio"/> <small>Formerly Reginald G. Davis</small>			
CITY CLERK Vote For Not More Than 1		Jai-Lee Dearing <input type="radio"/>	John R. Eddings <input type="radio"/>			
<input type="radio"/>		Shelley I. Foy <input type="radio"/>	Patty Fedewa <input type="radio"/>			
Joyce Moore <input type="radio"/>		Fred Elliott Hall <input type="radio"/>	Jenice Mitchell Ford <input type="radio"/>			
Janice M. Winfrey <input type="radio"/>		Lisa Howze <input type="radio"/>	Ken Harris <input type="radio"/>			


LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT		PROPOSAL SECTION	
BOARD OF EDUCATION AT LARGE Vote For Not More Than 4		COUNTY	LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Carol Banks <input type="radio"/>	Proposition O OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL	Proposal S BOND PROPOSAL	
Margaret L. Betts <input type="radio"/>	<p>To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2008 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2010 through 2019), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate \$43,495,573 in 2010.</p>	<p>Shall the School District of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Five Hundred Million Five Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$500,540,000) and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of:</p> <p>Constructing new replacement buildings and/or additions to existing buildings;</p> <p>Remodeling existing buildings, including energy conservation, safety and security improvements;</p> <p>Acquiring, improving and developing sites, including playgrounds, playfields and outdoor athletic facilities in the School District;</p> <p>Furnishing, refurbishing, equipping and reequipping School District buildings; and</p>	
Willie E. Burton <input type="radio"/>			
Deborah E. Davis <input type="radio"/>			
Lamar Lemmons <input type="radio"/>			
Reverend David Murray <input type="radio"/>			
Ida C. Short <input type="radio"/>			
Marie Thornton <input type="radio"/>			
<input type="radio"/>			
<input type="radio"/>			
			YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>		

	CITY	Acquiring and installing instructional technology equipment in and connecting School District buildings?
	Proposal D	
	<p style="text-align: center;">CHARTER AMENDMENT</p> <p>Shall the Detroit City Charter be amended to provide for a total of nine members of City Council with one (1) council member, with district residency, elected from each of seven (7) districts and two (2) members elected at large?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>The estimated millage to be levied in 2010 to service this issue of bonds is 3.82 mills (\$3.82 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 2.56 mills (\$2.56 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The debt millage levy required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed by this ballot proposal is currently estimated to remain at or below 13.0 mills. The bonds may be issued in multiple series, payable in the case of each series in not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date of issue of each series. If the School District borrows from the State to pay debt service on the bonds of this issue, the School District may be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State.</p> <p><i>(Under State law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance or repair costs or other School District operating expenses.)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p>
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VOTE BOTH FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT
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ELECCIÓN GENERAL
Martes 3 de Noviembre, 2009
Condado de Wayne, Michigan
Ciudad de Detroit

PARA VOTAR: Llene completamente el ovalo opuesto a cada una de sus elecciones como se muestra: 

IMPORTANTE: Para marcar su voto, use tan solo bolígrafo de tinta negra o azul. **NO USE NINGUN OTRO COLOR DE TINTA.**

NO VOTE por más candidatos de los indicados bajo el titulo de cada posición u oficina.

CANDIDATOS ESCRITOS: Para votar por candidatos cuyo nombre **NO** está impreso en la boleta, escriba o ponga el nombre de ese candidato en el espacio en blanco y llene completamente el ovalo. **NO** escriba el nombre de un candidato cuyo nombre ya está impreso en la boleta para esa posición u oficina.

CUANDO TERMINE DE VOTAR: Ponga su boleta dentro del sobre de manera que sus votos no puedan ser vistos y que el talón numerado sea visible. Entregue su boleta al oficial de la elección que se encuentre en el tabulador. (Si está votando con una boleta de ausente, siga las instrucciones dadas por el encargado para regresar su boleta).

NOTA: Si comete un error, regrese su boleta al oficial de la elección y obtenga una boleta nueva. **NO** intente borrar o corregir ninguna marca hecha en error.

قسمة إقتراع رسمية

GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday November 3, 2009
Wayne County, Michigan

الإقتراع: ظلل تماما الشكل البيضاوي المقابل لكل إختيار كما هو في الشكل. 

هام: إستخدم فقط قلم حبر باللون الأسود أو الأزرق، لا تستخدم أي لون آخر.

لا تقترع لمرشحين غير المشار إليهم لكل منصب.

إذا رغبت في الإقتراع لمرشح ليس موجودا إسمه على قسمة الإقتراع، اكتب إسم هذا المرشح في المكان الفارغ المعد وظلل الشكل البيضاوي. لا تكتب إسم مرشح موجود على لائحة الإقتراع.

تفحص كلا الوجهين من قسمة الإقتراع: هذه القسمة لها وجهان، تأكد من فحص الوجه الخلفي للقسمة.

حين تنهي إقتراعك، ضع القسمة في الظرف السري بحيث لا أحد يستطيع رؤية إقتراعك وبحيث يكون الرقم ظاهرا، ثم أعد القسمة إلى المسؤول الواقف إلى جانب ماكينة الإقتراع (إذا كان الإقتراع غيابيا، إتبع الإرشادات الموجهة من الموظف حين تعيد القسمة).

ملاحظة: إذا قمت بخطأ، أعد القسمة إلى المسؤول واحصل على قسمة جديدة، لا تحاول التصليح والشطب.