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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Elizabeth Glidden and Members of the Elections Committee
From: Cindy Reichert, Director of Elections
Subject: IRV Ballot Language
Date: August 4, 2006

Attached are three examples of ballot language for the Election Committee's consideration. The first is the most recent draft received from the City Attorney and is the recommended language.

Two other drafts, from the City Clerk report of July 21st and the City Clerk report of August 4th have been included here for discussion purposes.

Recommended by City Attorney

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO.

A Proposal to Use Instant Runoff Voting in Minneapolis Elections

Amending Chapter 2, of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to the municipal election of the Mayor, City Council and members of the Library Board, Park Board and Board of Estimate and Taxation.

1. Eliminating primary elections for Mayor, City Council and members of the Library Board, Park Board and Board of Estimate and Taxation,
2. Requiring Single Transferable Vote, sometimes known as Ranked Choice Voting or Instant Runoff Voting, to be used in the first municipal election following adoption and all subsequent elections,
3. Requiring City Council to adopt ordinances regarding the ballot format and rules for counting votes.

Shall Charter Amendment # ____ be adopted?

Yes

No

From Elections Director Report of August 4, 2006

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1. Requiring Single Transferable Vote, sometimes known as Ranked Choice Voting or Instant Runoff Voting, to be used in the first municipal election following adoption and all subsequent elections, unless the City Council certifies, by ordinance, no later than four months prior to the election, that the City will not be ready to implement the method.
2. Requiring City Council to establish by ordinance the ballot format and rules for counting votes.
3. Eliminating primary elections for Mayor, City Council and members of the Library Board, Park Board and Board of Estimate and Taxation, amending filing dates, and clarifying that general election laws will not govern when the Single Transferable Vote method is used.

Shall Charter Amendment # ____ be adopted?

Yes

No

From City Clerk Report of July 21, 2006

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. #####

Proposal to Use Instant Runoff Voting for Minneapolis Elections

Amending Chapter 2, of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to Officers— Elections, eliminating primary elections for city offices, amending filing dates, requiring Single Transferable Vote, sometimes known as Ranked Choice Voting or Instant Runoff Voting, requiring City Council to establish, by ordinance, ballot format and rules for counting votes, to be used in the first municipal election following adoption and all subsequent elections unless the City Council certifies, by ordinance, no later than four months prior to the election, that the City will not be ready to implement the method, clarifying that general election laws will not govern when Single Transferable Vote methods are used.

Should the City of Minneapolis adopt the method of Single Transferable Vote, sometimes known as Ranked Choice Voting or Instant Runoff Voting, as the voting method for municipal elections?

Yes

No