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MEMORANDUM

To: Betsy Hodges, Chair Intergovernmental Relations Committee
From: Cindy Reichert, Elections Director
Subject: Technical Correction to IRV Ordinance
Date: June 30, 2006

It was noted just prior to the Charter Commission meeting that a technical error appears in the ordinance considering adoption of IRV. The error occurs in Section 9 which makes amendments to Charter Section 16 regarding vacancy in office. The term "General" was used in the original introduction, however, this section of the ordinance refers to "Special" elections. Charter Commission did act to correct the error, but subsequently chose to reject the ordinance altogether.

Staff recommends correction of this error at the IGR meeting of June 27th. The corrected language appears below:

Section 9. That Chapter 2, Section 16 of the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 16. Vacancy in Office of Mayor and Council Members--How Filled.

Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the office of Mayor or in the office of any Council Member prior to March 1st of the year of the general City election for the office of Mayor or Council Member, it shall be filled for the unexpired term by a special election ordered by the City Council and held City-wide if the vacancy is in the office of the Mayor or held in the applicable ward if the vacancy is in the office of a Council Member. The special election shall be held within seventy-five (75) days after such vacancy shall occur.

For the purpose of selecting the candidates to be voted on at such special election, the Council shall ~~fix the date of a primary election to be held not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to such special election, and shall also fix the dates for filing of candidates for such office which shall be for a period of not less than eight (8) days, and the closing date for such filing shall not be less than twenty (20) forty (40) days prior to the date fixed for the primary special election.~~ All provisions of this Charter pertaining to ~~primary and~~ special elections shall apply to any ~~primary or~~ special election provided for by this section, except as otherwise specifically provided herein.