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EARLY VOTING BEGINS FOR 2015 SECOND ELECTION (RUNOFF)

Sarasota, FL: Early voting for the Second Municipal District Election (Runoff) begins today Monday, May 4 and runs through Saturday, May 9, 2015. Registered voters within the City of Sarasota can vote from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections office, 2001 Adams Lane, Sarasota, Florida.

The following candidates will appear on the ballot:

District 2

- [Liz Alpert](#)
- [Eileen Normile](#)

District 3

- [Shelli Freeland Eddie](#)
- [Stan Zimmerman](#)

District 1 Incumbent Willie Charles Shaw was unopposed; therefore he will assume office for his second term on May 15, 2015 in accordance with the City of Sarasota Charter, Article IX, Section 5(a)(2).

Election Day for the Second Election (Runoff) is **Tuesday, May 12, 2015**.

The following City of Sarasota Charter Amendments will also appear on the ballot making the Second Election city-wide, including District 1 voters:

TITLE:

Charter Amendment: One Year Residency and Qualified Elector Requirement for persons filling vacancy on the City Commission

SUMMARY:

Requires persons elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in an at large City Commission seat to have been a resident and qualified elector of the city for one year prior to taking oath of office. Requires persons elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in a district City Commission seat to have been a resident and qualified elector of the district to be represented for one year prior to taking oath of office.

YES, for the Amendment

NO, against the Amendment

TITLE:

Charter Amendment: Citizens' Initiative Petition to Amend Charter, Time to obtain signatures and adopt ordinance scheduling referendum

SUMMARY:

Provides that copy of a citizens' initiative petition to amend the city charter must be filed with city clerk before signatures are collected; that 180 day period to obtain signatures on petition shall commence upon the date such copy is filed with clerk and certified as received; extends time to adopt an ordinance scheduling charter amendment proposed by citizens' initiative for referendum from 30 to 60 days after petition is presented to the city commission.

___ YES, for the Amendment

___ NO, against the Amendment

For more information on early voting call the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections office at 941-861-8600 or visit www.SarasotaVotes.com.

To view the City of Sarasota's PSA concerning early voting, please click [here](#) or visit www.sarasotagov.com. For more information contact: Pamela Nadalini, City Auditor and Clerk, at (941) 954-4160.