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OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS OF SECOND ELECTION (RUNOFF) OF MAY 12, 2015

Sarasota, FL: – Following the counting of provisional ballots, the [official results](#) for the City Commission district election of May 12, 2015 are available. The City Commission will consider adopting proposed Resolution No. 15R-2489, declaring the official results of the election during its Statutory Meeting on Friday, May 15, 2015. The official election numbers for May 12, 2015 are posted on the Supervisor of Elections website at www.sarasotavotes.com:

District 2 Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Liz Alpert	2,126	53.00%
Eileen Normile	1,885	47.00%

District 3 Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Shelli Freeland Eddie	894	53.60%
Stan Zimmerman	774	46.40%

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).

All three elected District Commissioners will be sworn into office during tomorrow's Statutory City Commission Meeting on Friday, May 15, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 1565 1st Street, Sarasota.

The following City of Sarasota Charter Amendments also appeared on the ballot on Tuesday, May 12, 2015:

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.

Charter Amendment: One Year Residency and Qualified Elector Requirement for persons filling vacancy on the City Commission		
	Votes	Percentage
YES, for the Amendment	5,655	93.92%
NO, against the Amendment	366	6.08%

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.

Charter Amendment: Citizens' Initiative Petition to Amend Charter, Time to obtain signatures and adopt ordinance scheduling referendum		
	Votes	Percentage
YES, for the Amendment	4,791	83.42%
NO, against the Amendment	952	16.58%

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