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SECOND ELECTION (RUNOFF) TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

Sarasota, FL: – The City of Sarasota will hold a Second Municipal Election on **Tuesday, May 12, 2015** for the purpose of electing the District 2 and District 3 City Commissioners. In the First Municipal Election held on March 10, 2015 no candidate received the support of a majority of the voters in District 2 or District 3, therefore, the following candidates who received the highest number of votes in District 2 and District 3 will appear on the ballot for the Second Election:

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).

The following City of Sarasota Charter Amendments will also appear on the ballot on **Tuesday, May 12, 2015**, 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

Absentee ballots for the Second Election were mailed out on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. An informational brochure regarding the proposed Charter Amendments has also been mailed out to each registered voter within the City. The informational brochure may be viewed on the city's website at www.sarasotagov.com or by clicking [here](#).

Early voting for the Second Election (runoff) will be held **Monday, May 4 through Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** and will take place at the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections Office, 2001 Adams Lane. For more information on early voting, please call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 941-861-8600 or visit www.SarasotaVotes.com

All three elected District Commissioners will be sworn into office on **Friday, May 15, 2015 at noon** in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 1565 1st Street

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