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OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS OF MARCH 10, 2015 AND SECOND ELECTION (RUNOFF) ON MAY 12, 2015

Sarasota, FL: – Following the counting of provisional ballots, the official results for the City Commission district election of March 10, 2015 are available. The City Commission will consider adopting proposed [Resolution No. 15R-2480](#), declaring the official results of the election during its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015. The official election numbers for March 10, 2015 are posted on the Supervisor of Elections website at www.sarasotavotes.com:

District 2 Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Liz Alpert	1656	43.64%
Eileen Normile	1449	38.19%
David Morgan	689	18.18%

District 3 Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Stan Zimmerman	750	45.98%
Shelli Freeland Eddie	584	35.83%
Matt Wooddall	297	18.22%

As previously reported, as no candidate received a majority of votes, there will be a runoff for the District 2 and District 3 Seats. Liz Alpert and Eileen Normile will advance to a runoff for the District 2 Seat. Shelli Freeland Eddie and Stan Zimmerman will advance to a runoff for the District 3 Seat. 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 Second Election (runoff) will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.**

The following City of Sarasota Charter Amendments will also appear 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.

___ 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

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, Sarasota, FL.

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