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SAMPLE BALLOT SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PORTLAND, MAINE MARCH 3, 2020

Instructions to Voters

- A. To Vote, fill in the oval next to your choice, like this: .
- B. To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- C. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

YES Question A

NO "Shall the municipality approve the charter amendment reprinted below?"

ARTICLE II. CITY COUNCIL

Section 3. Ranked Choice Voting; instant runoff tabulation.

For the positions of mayor, city councilor, and school board member only, the city clerk shall implement a ranked choice voting protocol according to these guidelines:

(a) The ballot shall give voters the option of ranking ~~mayoral~~ candidates in order of choice.

(b) If a ~~mayoral~~ candidate receives a majority, i.e. at least one more than fifty percent (50%) of the first-choice votes cast, that candidate is elected.

(c) If no candidate receives a majority of first choice votes, an instant runoff re-tabulation shall be promptly conducted by the city clerk and completed within five (5) business days of the election. The instant runoff re-tabulation shall be conducted in successive rounds, with the majority determined for each successive round by the number of votes cast in that round. The candidate with the fewest votes after each successive round in which no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in that round shall be eliminated, and the votes in the successive rounds shall be re-tabulated among the remaining candidates until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in that round. In each successive round, each voter's ballot shall count as a single vote for whichever candidate the voter has ranked highest who has not been eliminated in a prior round, if any.

(d) After the first round, a majority is determined as at least one (1) more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast for a remaining candidate in a particular round.

(e) The city clerk may adopt additional regulations consistent with this subsection to implement these provisions. The ballot shall contain instruction on how to vote for each office. (Referendum 11/2/10)

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QUESTION CONTINUED ON THE BACK OF THIS BALLOT

ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

Section 7. Form of ballot.

All official ballots for use in all municipal elections shall be prepared by the city clerk and furnished by the city, consistent with the voting machines used and the form of any state ballot(s), and the use of ranked choice voting for mayor. Ballots for use in elections under this charter shall contain the names of the various candidates, with their residence, and the office for which they are candidates, and instructions on how to mark the ballot. The candidates for each office shall be grouped under the title of each office, plainly and distinctly marked. There shall be as many blank spaces under the name of each office as there are vacancies to be filled. The procedure for counting write-in votes shall be governed by Title 21-A, Maine Revised Statutes, unless inconsistent with article II, section 3, in which case the charter provisions shall govern. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of an emergency such as the illness, death or disqualification of a nominee for municipal office prior to the general election, the time frame for accepting a declared write-in candidate may be shortened by the city clerk. Such ballots may also contain such measures as may be submitted to the voters of the city by the legislature or by the city council and shall be without party mark or designation.

In preparing all ballots for elections under this charter, the city clerk shall arrange the names of all qualified candidates for each office in alphabetical order according to surnames.
(Referendum 11/2/10)

Section 10. Canvass of returns.

The city clerk shall examine the records of the several voting places and within forty-eight (48) hours after such election shall determine and declare the successful candidates as follows: The person or persons, not exceeding the number to be voted for at any one time for any office, having the majority highest number of votes cast at such election, shall be determined and declared to be elected. ~~Notwithstanding the foregoing, if no candidate for mayor, city council, or school board has a majority of the votes cast as provided in article II, section 3, the city clerk shall conduct an instant runoff tabulation as provided in such section until the candidate for mayor with the majority of votes cast is determined.~~ The city clerk shall provide written notice of the election results to all candidates.
(Referendum 11/6/01; 11/2/10).

YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING