SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL CITY ELECTION
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 1, 2016
WARD 6

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL ⬭ to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ⬬
B. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.
C. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
D. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot, return it and obtain another.

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION

Three-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

⬭

(Write-in)

QUESTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. TO VOTE IN FAVOR of any of the following questions, fill in the oval marked YES.
2. TO VOTE AGAINST any of the following questions, fill in the oval marked NO.
3. TO VOTE, FILL IN THE OVAL LIKE THIS: ⬬
4. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and obtain another.

1. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

"Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend $83,997,063 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of $14,133.35 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.14% higher than spending for the current year.

Spending at this level could produce a property tax rate increase of 1.72% (current estimate)."

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

2. QUESTION RE: SECTION OF NORTH AVENUE

"Shall the City Council, Public Works Commission, Department of Public Works, and Administration be advised to keep four lanes open to motor vehicles on North Avenue from the Route 127 access intersection north to the Shore Road intersection?"

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

3. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES TO INCREASE POLICE COMMISSION TO SEVEN MEMBERS

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to increase the size of the Board of Police Commissioners from five to seven members, by amending sections 120 and 183?"

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

4. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES TO INCREASE PARKS COMMISSION TO SEVEN MEMBERS

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to increase the size of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners from five to seven members, by amending sections 120 and 203?"

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

5. CHARTER CHANGES TO ADDRESS TIMING AND PUBLICATION OF AUDIT

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended by amending section 69 to read:

Section 69. Fiscal year, reports required.

(a) The fiscal year of the city shall begin on the first day of July in one year and end on the thirtieth day of June in the next year. A full record of the revenues and expenditures of all city departments shall be kept; and a clear statement of the affairs of the city generally, including all receipts and disbursements of city moneys shall be published online and be available for inspection upon request. [~~and t~~]The name and amount of ~~compensation~~ salary paid to every city employee shall be published in the city's annual report, and [~~for services from the city of every person receiving such compensation by way of salary~~] the name and amount of compensation [~~or~~] paid to any other individual, to the extent [~~otherwise~~] required to be reported to the IRS by 1099 or otherwise, shall also be published online and available for inspection upon request prior to the annual meeting. The annual audit of the city's financial records shall be finalized at least thirty days before the annual meeting [~~to the amount of three hundred dollars or more per year, shall be published under the direction of the mayor as soon as may be and the city council may determine, but not later than five months after June 30, 1963, and annually thereafter within five months after the close of each fiscal year~~], or as the city council may by resolution prescribe. [~~, and any city official responsible in whole or in part for a failure to substantially comply with the provisions of this section shall be ineligible to hold office under the authority of this Charter for the year next ensuing after such failure so to comply with the provisions of this section.~~] The annual report of the city shall include a summary of the audit and a copy of the management letter, and full copies of each annual audit shall be published online and available upon request.

(b) Each city department that has a commission shall consult with and seek the recommendation of its commission prior to submission of its annual budget to the mayor. [~~It shall be the duty of those who were members of any board or commission during and just before the close of any fiscal year, though the term of one or more of them as a member of such board or commission may have expired at the close of such fiscal year, to prepare, sign and present to the chief administrative officer after the close of said fiscal year and in time for publication of the same in the city report for that year, in the name and on behalf of such board and commission, a full financial report including all revenues and expenses of all the matters and statistics of which a full record is required by this section to be kept by such board or commission during such fiscal year and to be published in the city report.~~]?"

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

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