SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL CITY ELECTION
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2015
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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.

MAYOR

Three-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

- **STEVEN GOODKIND** — 260 Ethan Allen Parkway — PROGRESSIVE ⬭
- **GREG GUMA** — 300 Maple Street — INDEPENDENT ⬭
- **LOYAL PLOOF** — 1571 North Avenue #2 — LIBERTARIAN ⬭
- **MIRO WEINBERGER** — 14 Summit Street — DEMOCRATIC ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

WARD FIVE CITY COUNCILOR

Three-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

- **MIKE FIFE** — 388 Queen City Park Road — PROGRESSIVE ⬭
- **WILLIAM "CHIP" MASON** — 33 Scarff Avenue — DEMOCRATIC ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

SOUTH DISTRICT CITY COUNCILOR

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

- **JOAN SHANNON** — 41 Central Avenue — DEMOCRATIC ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

WARD FIVE SCHOOL COMMISSIONER

Three-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

- **SUSANMARIE HARRINGTON** — 88 Linden Terrace ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

SOUTH DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMISSIONER

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

- **MIRIAM STOLL** — 37 Scarff Avenue ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

WARD CLERK

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

- **ELISA C. NELSON** — 155 Austin Drive — DEMOCRATIC ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION

Three-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

- **MICHAEL HEALY** — 66 Scarff Avenue — INDEPENDENT ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

- **RACHEL E. STAMPUL** — 161 Austin Drive #34 — INDEPENDENT ⬭
- (Write-in) ⬭

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION

One-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

- **MOLLY O'BRIEN** — 75 Howard Street — DEMOCRATIC ⬭
- (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 2016

"Shall the voters approve the School Department's proposed $68,595,138 budget for education spending for fiscal year 2016 for current expenses and deficit retirement?"

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

2. AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A FUND TO RELOCATE ITS HORIZONS AND ON-TOP PROGRAMS, MEET OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, AND DEPOSIT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE LEASING OF THE TAFT SCHOOL BUILDING INTO THIS FUND.

"Shall the School District be authorized to establish a fund for the purpose of relocating its Horizons and On-Top programs, and meeting other infrastructure needs, and deposit into this fund the proceeds from the leasing of the Taft School land and building?"

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

3. PLEDGING THE CREDIT OF THE CITY TO SECURE INDEBTEDNESS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

"Shall the City Council be authorized to pledge the credit of the City to secure indebtedness or make direct payments for the purpose of funding one or more public improvements and related costs attributable to projects serving the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, specifically:

(a) **Main Street Streetscape Upgrades:** (the two blocks between Church Street and Pine Street inclusive of all intersections) to include streetscape, stormwater, utility, lighting and transportation upgrades;
(b) **St. Paul Street Streetscape Upgrades:** (the two blocks between Main Street and Maple Street inclusive of all intersections) to include streetscape, stormwater, utility, lighting and transportation upgrades;
(c) **Brownfields Remediation/Brown's Court:** relating to preparation of site for redevelopment;
(d) **Marketplace Garage Improvements and Repair:** as a supplement to other funding for this project;
(e) **Related Costs:** reimbursement for TIF eligible related costs incurred by the City for the creation, implementation and administration of the Downtown TIF District, including direct municipal expenses such as departmental or personnel costs related to creating or administering the district to the extent they are paid from the municipal and not education taxes and are otherwise reimbursed in accordance with law;

in a total principal amount not to exceed $10,000,000 (which will bring the total Downtown TIF District debt approved since the Downtown TIF District's creation to $10,000, 000), and to issue bonds, notes or make interfund loans for such purpose with the understanding that tax increment from the properties within the Downtown TIF District shall be pledged and appropriated for the payment of such indebtedness or direct costs of the improvements; and with the further understanding that the City may utilize more than the statutory minimum requirement of 75 % of all municipal increment, up to and including 100 % of same, in meeting the financial obligations of the district?

YES ◯
NO ◯

4. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES CONCERNING RESERVE FUNDS

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to amend subsections (a) and (b) of Section 65 to provide that the City Council may by resolution create reserve funds to pay for capital or operating expenses of City departments, and to provide that the revenues and expenditures will be identified in the City budget (as amended), kept in separate accounts, and expended for any legal purpose for which the fund was established?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

5. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES TO ALLOW NONCITIZENS TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND AS ALL CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to delete the requirement that certain appointed members of City boards and department heads be required to be legal voters of the city of Burlington and instead require that they be Burlington residents, by amending sections 48, 120, 130, 183, 196, 203, 218, 226, 276, 277, and 322, to reflect the change from 'legal voter' to 'resident' of Burlington?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

6. NON-U.S. CITIZENS RIGHT TO VOTE IN VERMONT MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS

"Shall the Vermont Constitution be amended to give residents of Vermont who are not currently citizens of the United States of America the right to vote in municipal and school elections?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

7. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES TO MAKE BOARD TERMS THREE YEARS

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to change the term lengths of certain appointed City board members to a uniform three years, by deleting section 121 and its reference in section 179, amending section 196 to retain the appointment of fire wardens currently in section 121 and amending sections 126 and 276, which would change the terms of airport commissioners and planning commissioners from four years to three and clarify the terms of library commissioners as being three years, except that the library staff commissioner's term of office shall continue to be one year and that any commissioner in office at the time of enactment of this amendment shall remain in office until the conclusion of the term to which that commissioner was appointed?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

8. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT RELATING TO POLITICAL AFFILIATION FOR CERTAIN CITY BOARDS

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to remove requirements about political affiliation on certain boards, by deleting section 123 and amending section 322, which would remove the requirement of political affiliation for the boards of assessors, tax appeals, public works commissioners, cemetery commissioners, police commissioners, light commissioners, fire commissioners, airport commissioners, park and recreation commissioners, planning commissioners, and Church Street Marketplace commissioners?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

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