OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL CITY ELECTION
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 4, 2014
WARD 5

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.

CITY COUNCILOR

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

WILLIAM "CHIP" MASON ◯
33 Scarff Avenue DEMOCRATIC

◯
(Write-in)

SCHOOL COMMISSIONER

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICK HALLADAY ◯
120 Hayward Street

◯
(Write-in)

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION

Three-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

RACHEL STAMPUL ◯
129 Hayward Street INDEPENDENT

◯
(Write-in)

WARD CLERK

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

NANCY J. NESBITT ◯
149 Locust Street DEMOCRATIC

◯
(Write-in)

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QUESTIONS

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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 2015

"Shall the voters approve the School Department's proposed $66,871,288 budget for education spending for fiscal year 2015 for current expenses and deficit retirement?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

2. PLEDGING THE CREDIT OF THE CITY TO SECURE INDEBTEDNESS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE WATERFRONT 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 Public Investment Action Plan (PIAP) projects serving the Waterfront Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, specifically:

YES ◯
NO ◯

(a) **New Moran:** mixed-use redevelopment of the building with a focus on multi-purpose arts and events space, local foods, and green energy innovation;
(b) **Waterfront Park Upgrades:** site improvements to electrical and water infrastructure to enhance Vermont's most visited public park;
(c) **Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center:** site improvements for a permanent home and new building for the Community Sailing Center;
(d) **Burlington Harbor Marina:** construction of a marina on our northern waterfront to meet the burgeoning need for boat slips in our harbor;
(e) **Sustainability Park:** construction of new outdoor amenities, educational installations, and lake protection facilities on land surrounding the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain; and
(f) **Waterfront Access North:** site improvements increasing access to the northern waterfront, landscaping, environmental remediation, lake protection, and utility relocation

in a total principal amount not to exceed $9,600,000, (with the total outstanding TIF debt for the Waterfront TIF district approved to date of $8,421,238), and to issue bonds, notes or make inter-fund loans for such purpose with the understanding that tax increment from the properties within the Waterfront TIF District shall be pledged and appropriated for the payment of such indebtedness, direct or related costs of the improvements; and with the further understanding that in the event that, upon the recommendation of the Mayor, the City Council determines that the proposed New Moran project cannot be reasonably accomplished, the City Council shall be authorized to utilize tax increment funds from the Waterfront TIF District for payment of indebtedness, direct or related costs of the demolition of the Moran building and site stabilization in accordance with the public trust doctrine?"

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

3. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM TAX RATE FOR GENERAL CITY PURPOSES AUTHORIZED

"Shall the maximum General City Tax Rate (one component of the overall City tax rate) pursuant to Sec. 99 of the City Charter be increased by $0.0225 upon the dollar of the property grand list from $0.2379 to $0.2604, a 2.97% increase on the Fiscal Year 2014 overall City tax rate of $0.7584, to maintain current services, invest in municipal infrastructure, and implement energy and cost savings improvements in municipal facilities?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

4. REFERENDUM – ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE WINOOSKI ONE HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY

"Shall the City Council be authorized to issue revenue bonds or notes in one or more series pursuant to City Charter on behalf of the Electric Light Department in an amount not to exceed $12,000,000, payable from the revenues derived from the electric system, for the acquisition of the Winooski One Hydroelectric Facility, including the cost of bond issuance and the establishment of any debt service reserve fund?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

5. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE RE WARD BOUNDARIES, CITY COUNCIL, SCHOOL BOARD, WARD OFFICER AND VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD COMPOSITION

"Shall various sections of the City Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, related to city elections be further amended as follows:

YES ◯
NO ◯

1. To provide for the city to be divided into four city electoral districts and eight city electoral wards as depicted on the map on file in the chief administrator's office, effective as of the annual meeting on March 3, 2015, and for all city elections thereafter;

2. To provide for the city council to be comprised of twelve (12) members with each of the four city districts and eight wards represented by one city councilor, with district councilors elected to two year terms beginning with the election on March 3, 2015, and with ward councilors elected for a three year term on March 3, 2015 and a two year term at the annual meeting on March 6, 2018, and two year terms thereafter;

3. To provide for the school board to be comprised of twelve (12) members with each of the four city districts and eight wards represented by one school commissioner, with district commissioners elected to two year terms beginning with the election on March 3, 2015, and with ward commissioners elected for a three year term on March 3, 2015 and a two year term at the annual meeting on March 6, 2018, and two year terms thereafter;

4. To provide for the ward election officers for each of the eight wards to be elected at the annual meeting on March 3, 2015, with three inspectors of election whose election is phased in so that each is elected for a staggered three year term ultimately, and that for the 2015 annual meeting only the ward officers of the seven wards elected prior to the 2015 annual city meeting shall serve as the election officers for those wards and the ward officers for Ward 8 shall be appointed for the 2015 election by the Board of Civil Authority; and

5. To provide for the addition of one member to the Board for the Registration of Voters so that the board is comprised of ten (10) members?"

6. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE RE POLICE CONFISCATION/SEIZURE OF WEAPONS DURING DOMESTIC ABUSE INCIDENT

"Shall the Burlington City Charter be amended to add Article 99. General Weapons Requirements, Sec. 511, entitled "Police Confiscation/Seizure of Weapons During Domestic Abuse Incident," which provides that a police officer may confiscate a weapon in the immediate control or possession of an alleged abuser if the officer has probable cause to believe that domestic abuse has occurred and which provides penalties, including forfeiture of the weapon, for failure to submit to confiscation?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

7. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE RE BAN ON FIREARMS IN ANY ESTABLISHMENT WITH A LIQUOR LICENSE

"Shall the Burlington City Charter be amended to add Article 99. General Weapons Requirements, Sec. 510, entitled "Ban on Firearms in Any Establishment with a First Class Liquor License," which provides that no person may carry or possess a firearm in any location under the ownership or control of an establishment licensed to serve alcohol on its premises and which provides for specific exemptions from the prohibition and for penalties, including forfeiture of the firearm, for a violation?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

8. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE RE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS

"Shall the Burlington City Charter be amended to add Article 99. General Weapons Requirements, Sec. 509, entitled "Safe Storage of Firearms," which provides that no person shall store a firearm outside of his or her immediate possession or control without having locked the firearm in a safe storage depository or with a gun locking device and which provides for penalties, including forfeiture of the firearm, for a violation?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

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