FROM THE DESK OF
TERRY REILLY

August 5, 2010

Long Beach Council Members

Dear Long Beach Council Members and other public servants,,

As much as you would like to experiment with a new voting method, Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), you need to be concerned about several items.

As you know, IRV consistently does not provide a Majority is cities large and small. In Burlington, VT, the Mayoral election in 2009, the Mayor was elected with 4,313 votes out of 8,980 voters. There were 5 candidates. You can see the results in the attachment.

Your charter specifically calls for a Majority of the votes cast for all candidates (Sec. 1906).

Unfortunately, IRV typically does not provide "majority winners" when the algorithm is applied. Often, 10,000 people come to vote, and winners receive 4,000 votes. (40% support). A "majority" of voters have rejected the winner, just like your plurality election.

Not one winner of the Supervisor in the IRV races in SF won with majority of those who showed up to the polls, or sent absentee ballots if IRV algorithm was applied. A majority of voters had rejected the winner. I have attached the official results for your review.

This typical of IRV elections across the country. An easy to follow video can be found here: http://tinyurl.com/IRVMajority

If a Majority Winner is truly your desire, Instant Runoffs do not provide it. Your only option is a traditional election with a top-two runoff (if no one surpasses the 50%+1 threshold requirement in the first election). Using this method, you will not have to spend additional money for the purchase of new, uncertified software for IRV, there is no money spent on education (a significant cost in all cities - $1M+ in SF) and you would be guaranteed a winner by Majority.

If you want IRV, then you have decided that you do not consider a **Majority Winner to be a priority**. That being the case, why spend the additional money on new equipment, IRV software, education, etc. when IRV provides a plurality result? 3,500 votes from 10,000 voters can elect a candidate with IRV. You can obtain that with your current methods. In 2004, Berkeley lowered their threshold form reqjiring at least 45% of the votes, to 40% of the vote. Long Beach may consider this as a cost saving measure as no equipment would need top be purchased, and no costly voter education.

Many IRV salesmen will try to convince you that IRV provides a "different" type of majority and compare it to a drop off in a primary and general. However, a majority is a majority as the citizens define it. As interesting and novel as IRV sounds, it does not provide the mandate a top-two-runoff provides.

Many assume a run-off election is assured. A winner can be and often is decided in the first election in many municipalities particularly if you hold them as at the same time as the State Primaries. Long Beach only had one run-off this year out of 13 races.

Is it really worth the time, trouble, and cost of pursuing IRV? A traditional election, held during the State Election using the existing equipment, will produce results Long Beach will be happy with.

Sincerely yours,

Terry Reilly

San Francisco Board of Supervisor RCV Race Results

Winner	# of Candidates	Voters	Votes for Winner	% Support
Jake McGoldrick	**7**	**28,787**	**14,011**	**48.7%**
Ross Mirarimi	**22**	**35,109**	**13,211**	**37.6%**
Sean Elsbernd	**13**	**31,638**	**13,834**	**43.7%**
G. Sandoval (incumbent)	**8**	**23,167**	**10,679**	**46.1%**
Ed Jew	**6**	**19,814**	**8,388**	**42.3%**
Chris Daly (incumbent)	**8**	**17,941**	**8,968**	**49.9%**
Eric Mar	**9**	**28,756**	**13,152**	**45.7%**
David Chiu	**9**	**27,198**	**13,583**	**49.9%**
David Campos	**7**	**26,486**	**12,637**	**47.7%**
John Avalos	**8**	**24,673**	**10,225**	**41.4%**

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Official Results

Candidate		Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4
JAKE McGOLDRICK	(Winner 54.013%)	11815	12084	12304	14011
DAVID HELLER		2012	2297	2531*	
LEANNA DAWYDIAK		1380*			
JEFFREY S. FREEBAIRN		132*			
LILLIAN SING		8989	9309	10036	11929
ROSE TSAI		1595	1727*		
MATT TUCHOW		2864	3159	3417*	
WRITE-IN		*			
	Eligible Ballots	28787	28576	28288	25940
	Exhausted Ballots	1934	2145	2433	4781
	Total Ballots	30721	30721	30721	30721

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Jake McGoldrick won with
48.7% support of the voters

48.7%

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District 5 - Ranked-Choice Voting

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Ross Mirkarimi won with 37.6% support of the voters

37.6%

Official Results

Candidate		Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5	Pass 6	Pass 7	Pass 8	Pass 9	Pass 10	Pass 11	Pass 12	Pass 13	Pass 14	Pass 15	Pass 16	Pass 17	Pass 18	Pass 19
ROSS MIRKARIMI	(Winner 50.[illegible]96%)	9947	9950	9952	9969	9996	10034	10094	10158	10261	10387	10472	10635	10766	10946	11262	11659	11921	1226[illegible]	13211
MICHAEL E. O'CONNOR		868	870	873	882	906	930	944	973	1012	1036	1079	1127*							
PHILLIP HOUSE		62	62*																	
ROBERT HAALAND		5124	5126	5130	5146	5180	5192	5226	5254	5318	5384	5461	5538	5628	5740	5956	6319	6409	6636	7272
EMMETT GILMAN		393	394	398	405	407	423*													
JULIAN DAVIS		418	422	429	443	462	467	481*												
LISA FELDSTEIN		3257	3265	3274	3289	3309	3323	3381	3430	3484	3566	3671	3765	3851	4070	4313	4636	4759	5064	5628
SUSAN C. KING		977	980	984	1007	1034	1051	1072	1116	1147	1206	1237	1293	1371*						
DAN KALB		1398	1400	1400	1412	1430	1449	1466	1493	1540	1582	1610	1698	1739	1867*					
TYS SNIFFEN		686	687	688	692	707	719	730	746*											
FRANCIS SOMSEL		368	368	370	379	381*														
JIM SIEGEL		1540	1542	1543	1551	1565	1608	1639	1657	1743	1763	1820	1866	2053	2111	2184	2242*			
PHOENIX STREETS		657	658	660	673	699	714	731	752	771*										
ANDREW SULLIVAN		2477	2478	2479	2494	2501	2550	2570	2580	2639	2663	2716	2771	2831	2870	2982	3068	3601*		
PATRICK M. CIOCCA		91	91	91*																
BRETT WHEELER		832	833	835	845	871	881	896	929	951	995	1026*								
VIVIAN WILDER		130	134	135*																
NICK WAUGH		3025	3025	3027	3035	3053	3070	3090	3118	3187	3243	3296	3391	3441	3540	3732	3900	4063	5041*	
ROB ANDERSON		336	341	342	346*															
H. BROWN		57*																		
JOSEPH BLUE		802	805	807	814	819	842	851	860	876	908*									
BILL BARNES		1664	1670	1671	1680	1690	1709	1719	1731	1751	1804	1871	1945	1977	2018	2142*				
WRITE-IN		[illegible]																		
	Eligible Ballots	35109	[illegible]101	35088	35062	35010	34962	34890	34797	34680	34537	34259	34029	33657	33162	32571	31824	30753	29028	26111
	Exhausted Ballots	[illegible]	4154	4167	4193	4245	4293	4365	4458	4575	4718	4996	5226	5598	6093	6684	7431	8502	10227	13144
	Total Ballots	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255	39255

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Sean Elsbernd won with 43.7% support of the votes

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District 7 - Ranked-Choice Voting

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Official Results

Candidate		*Pass 1*	*Pass 2*	*Pass 3*	*Pass 4*	*Pass 5*	*Pass 6*	*Pass 7*	*Pass 8*	*Pass 9*	*Pass 10*	*Pass 11*
MICHAEL PATRICK MALLEN		975	1004	1017	1040	1066	1110*					
SHAWN REIFSTECK		1108	1136	1187	1210	1236	1286	1388*				
CHRISTINE LINNENBACH		6784	6817	6865	6962	7078	7231	7452	7782	8490	9160	10491
PAT LAKEY		763	783	804	823	840*						
DAVID PARKER		348*										
MILTON "RENNIE" O'BRIEN		2372	2410	2481	2525	2588	2691	2847	3090	3300	3799*	
VERNON C. GRIGG III		2091	2104	2114	2151	2186	2252	2323	2451*			
SHEELA KINI		349	367*									
SVETLANA KAFF		546	573	592	605*							
SEAN R. ELSBERND	(Winner 56.872%)	10505	10547	10568	10667	10740	10884	11018	11198	11827	12446	13834
GREGORY CORRALES		2560	2589	2618	2658	2721	2767	2878	2946	3110*		
ISAAC WANG		2728	2757	2785	2813	2868	2926	3007	3110	3263	3533*	
ART BELENSON		510	517	528*								
WRITE-IN		*										
	Eligible Ballots	31639	31604	31559	31454	31323	31147	30913	30577	29990	28938	24325
	Exhausted Ballots	3266	3301	3346	3451	3582	3758	3992	4328	4915	5967	10580
	Total Ballots	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905

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43.7%

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District 11 - Ranked-Choice Voting

G. Sandoval won with 46.1% support of the votes

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Official Results

Candidate		Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5	Pass 6
JOSE MEDINA		2869	2989	3359	3867	4683*	
MYRNA VIRAY LIM		4280	4884	5248	5719	6760	7628
ANITA GRIER		2806	3080	3522	3829*		
FIL M. SILVERIO		307*					
REBECCA REYNOLDS SILVERBERG		1816	1946*				
GERARDO SANDOVAL	(Winner 58.333%)	7477	7637	7919	8553	9256	10679
ROLANDO A. BONILLA		2293	2356	2571*			
TOM YUEN		1328*					
WRITE-IN		*					
	Eligible Ballots	23176	22892	22619	21968	20699	18307
	Exhausted Ballots	1726	2010	2283	2934	4203	6595
	Total Ballots	24902	24902	24902	24902	24902	24902

46.1%

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November 7, 2006
RCV District 4

Ed Jew won with 42.3% support of the votes

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Race and Candidate

MEMBER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIST. 4

	Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pre-RCV Count	Pre-RCV Diff.
RON DUDUM	5,134	5,521	6,305	7,587	5,072	62
ED JEW (Winner 52.507%)	5,184	5,441	6,455	8,388	5,125	59
JAYNRY MAK	4,569	5,012	5,851*		4,504	65
DOUG CHAN	3,236	3,414*			3,192	44
HOUSTON ZHENG	234*				225	9
DAVID FERGUSON	1,455*				1,419	36
WRITE-IN	2*				2	0
Eligible Ballots	19,814	19,388	18,611	15,975	Undervotes 2,253	
Exhausted Ballots	2,171	2,597	3,374	6,010	Overvotes 193	
Total Ballots	21,985	21,985	21,985	21,985	Total 21,985	

42.3%

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November 7, 2006
RCV District 6

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Chris Daly won with 49.9% support of the votes

Race and Candidate MEMBER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIST. 6	Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5		Pre-RCV Count	Pre-RCV Diff.
VILIAM DUGOVIC	340	348	358*				330	10
GEORGE DIAS	230	231*					222	8
MATT DRAKE	679	688	725	830	869		669	10
CHRIS DALY (Winner 50.822%)	8,746	8,763	8,803	8,871	8,968		8,654	92
DAVY JONES	389	402	421	463	506		372	17
ROBERT JORDAN	125*						119	6
MANUEL JIMENEZ, JR.	317	328	375	399*			311	6
ROB BLACK	7,115	7,134	7,173	7,215	7,303		7,051	64
WRITE-IN	*						0	0
Eligible Ballots	17,941	17,894	17,855	17,778	17,646	Undervotes	2,027	
Exhausted Ballots	1,974	2,021	2,060	2,137	2,269	Overvotes	160	
Total Ballots	19,915	19,915	19,915	19,915	19,915	Total	19,915	

Eric Mar won with 45.2% support of the voters

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	Round 1			Round 2		
	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer
ERIC MAR	11649	40.51%	+1503	**13152**	**50.67%**	**0**
ALICIA WANG	4218	14.67%	-4218	0	0.00%	0
JASON JUNGREIS	614	2.14%	-614	0	0.00%	0
BRIAN J. LARKIN	998	3.47%	-998	0	0.00%	0
SUE LEE	9753	33.92%	+3052	12805	49.33%	0
SHERMAN R. D"SILVA	257	0.89%	-257	0	0.00%	0
GEORGE FLAMIK	325	1.13%	-325	0	0.00%	0
FIDEL CHRYS GAKUBA	363	1.26%	-363	0	0.00%	0
NICHOLAS C. BELLONI	537	1.87%	-537	0	0.00%	0
WRITE-IN	42	0.15%	-42	0	0.00%	0
Exhausted by Over Votes	242		+18	260		0
Under Votes	2696		0	2696		0
Exhausted Ballots	0		+2781	2781		0
Continuing Ballots	28756	100.00%		25957	100.00%	
TOTAL	**31694**		**0**	**31694**		**0**
REMARKS	***Tie resolved in accordance with election law.**					

David Chui won with 49.9% support of the voters

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	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3			Round 4			Round 5			Round 6			Round 7		
	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer
DENISE MCCARTHY	3172	11.66%	+169	3341	12.37%	+231	3572	13.30%	+143	3715	14.06%	+512	4227	16.25%	+406	4633	18.42%	-4633	0	0.00%	0
LYNN JEFFERSON	1235	4.54%	+130	1365	5.05%	+106	1471	5.48%	+179	1650	6.24%	-1650	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
JOSEPH ALIOTO, JR.	6285	23.11%	+115	6400	23.69%	+255	6655	24.79%	+458	7113	26.92%	+310	7423	28.53%	+752	8175	32.50%	+1118	9293	40.63%	0
MIKE DENUNZIO	1335	4.91%	+51	1386	5.13%	+80	1466	5.46%	-1466	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
TONY [illegible]	1195	4.39%	+40	1235	4.57%	-1235	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
DAVID CHIU	10270	37.76%	+242	10512	38.91%	+288	10800	40.22%	+119	10919	41.32%	+227	11146	42.84%	+1202	12348	49.09%	+123[illegible]	13582	[illegible]9.37%	0
[illegible]INE CHENG	2515	9.25%	+264	2779	10.29%	+107	2886	10.75%	+141	3027	11.46%	+196	3223	12.39%	-3223	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
WILMA PANG	952	3.50%	-952	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
MARK QUESSEY	204	0.75%	-204	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
WRITE-IN	35	0.13%	-35	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
Exhausted by Over Votes	284		+4	288		+2	290		+3	293		+1	294		+12	306		+10	316		0
Under Votes	2604		0	2604		0	2604		0	2604		0	2604		0	2604		0	2604		0
Exhausted [illegible]	0		+176	176		+166	342		+423	765		+404	1169		+851	2020		+2271	4291		0
Continuing Ballots	27198	[illegible]0.00%		27018	100.00%		26850	100.00%		26424	100.00%		26019	100.00%		25156	100.00%		22875	100.00%	
TOTAL	**30086**		**0**	**30086**		**0**	**30086**		**0**	**30086**		**0**	**30086**		**0**	**30086**		**0**	**30086**		**0**
REMARKS	***Tie resolved in accordance with election law.**																				

David Campos won with 47.7% support of the voters

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	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3		
	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer
EVA ROYALE	1842	6.95%	-1842	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
VERN MATHEWS	469	1.77%	-469	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
MARK SANCHEZ	7648	28.88%	+975	8623	34.53%	+2214	10837	46.17%	0
ERIC STOREY	806	3.04%	-806	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
TOM VALTIN	862	3.25%	-862	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
DAVID CAMPOS	9468	35.75%	+919	10387	41.59%	+2250	12637	53.83%	0
ERIC QUEZADA	5352	20.21%	+612	5964	23.88%	-5964	0	0.00%	0
WRITE-IN	39	0.15%	-39	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
Exhausted by Over Votes	313		+18	331		+21	352		0
Under Votes	2085		0	2085		0	2085		0
Exhausted Ballots	0		+1494	1494		+1479	2973		0
Continuing Ballots	26486	100.00%		24974	100.00%		23474	100.00%	
TOTAL	**28884**		**0**	**28884**		**0**	**28884**		**0**
REMARKS	***Tie resolved in accordance with election law.**								

John Avalos won with 41.4% support of the voters

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	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3			Round 4		
	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer
JULIO RAMOS	3646	14.78%	+675	4321	18.21%	-4321	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
AHSHA SAFAI	5965	24.18%	+762	6727	28.35%	+884	7611	33.94%	+1481	9092	47.07%	0
MYRNA LIM	4462	18.08%	+591	5053	21.30%	+876	5929	26.44%	-5929	0	0.00%	0
ELI M. HORN	394	1.60%	-394	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
JOHN AVALOS	6964	28.23%	+661	7625	32.14%	+1262	8887	39.63%	+1338	10225	52.93%	0
MARY GOODNATURE	459	1.86%	-459	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
RANDY KNOX	2337	9.47%	-2337	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
ADRIAN BERMUDEZ	415	1.68%	-415	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
WRITE-IN	30	0.12%	-30	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
A. JACKSON MATTESON	1	0.00%	-1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
Exhausted by Over Votes	410		+24	434		+13	447		+25	472		0
Under Votes	1826		0	1826		0	1826		0	1826		0
Exhausted Ballots	0		+923	923		+1286	2209		+3085	5294		0
Continuing Ballots	24673	100.00%		23726	100.00%		22427	100.00%		19317	100.00%	
TOTAL	**26909**		**0**	**26909**		**0**	**26909**		**0**	**26909**		**0**
REMARKS	***Tie resolved in accordance with election law.**											

Official

Pierce County Ranked Choice Voting Results Table

Contest: **County Assessor - Treasurer**
Load Type: **Complete**

	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3			Round 4		
	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer
Dale Washam	65676	25.02%	+6322	71998	28.94%	+10492	82490	36.44%	+15876	**98366**	**51.93%**	**0**
Terry Lee	50278	19.16%	+8245	58523	23.52%	+11686	70209	31.02%	-70209	0	0.00%	0
Jan Shabro	50023	19.06%	+8224	58247	23.41%	-58247	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
Bernardo Tuma	18205	6.94%	-18205	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
Barbara Gelman	49874	19.00%	+10133	60007	24.12%	+13640	73647	32.54%	+17420	91067	48.07%	0
Beverly Davidson	27340	10.42%	-27340	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
Write-In	1051	0.40%	-1051	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
Exhausted by Over Votes	363		+71	434		+73	507		+93	600		0
Under Votes	49961		0	49961		0	49961		0	49961		0
Exhausted Ballots	0		+13601	13601		+22356	35957		+36820	72777		0
Continuing Ballots	262447	100.00%		248775	100.00%		226346	100.00%		189433	100.00%	
TOTAL	**312771**		**0**	**312771**		**0**	**312771**		**0**	**312771**		**0**
REMARKS	***Tie resolved in accordance with election law.**											

262,810 Citizens came to have their voices heard on Election Day.

Washam elected with 98,366 votes (37.4%)

Put another way, over 64% of the voters rejected Washam

Washam was the plurality winner.

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2009 Minneapolis Municipal Election Results: Park and Recreation Commissioner District 5 Ranked-choice Voting Tabulation Center Summary Statement		
Total votes cast for the office:	7848	Note: Total votes counted in the first round. Does not include undervotes or partially defective, totally defective, or spoiled ballots.
Number to be elected:	1	
Threshold:	3925	Note: Half of total votes cast for office + 1, disregarding fractions.
Undervotes:	1534	Note: Voter did not rank any candidates for the office.
Partially defective ballots:	0	Note: Unable to determine voter's intent with respect to the office being counted.
Totally defective ballots:	0	Note: Unable to determine voter's intent for any office on the ballot.
Spoiled ballots:	351	Note: Ballot spoiled by voter at polls.

Candidate	**Round 1**	Round 2 *Defeated Barland, Peterson, Looney, and Write-in*	**Round 2**	Final Round Percentage
	First preference votes	Vote Change (+ Added, - Subtracted)	Grand Total	May not sum to 100% due to rounding
Barland	1541	-1541	0	0.00%
Kummer	2964	656	3620	46.13%
Looney	151	-151	0	0.00%
Peterson	369	-369	0	0.00%
Stone	2788	483	3271	41.68%
Write-in	35	-35	0	0.00%
Exhausted	-	957	957	12.19%
TOTAL	7848		7848	

7,849 Citizens came to have their voices heard

Kummer elected with 3,620 votes (46.13%)

Put another way, over 53% of the voters rejected Kummer.

Kummer was the plurality winner

8,980 Citizens came to have their voices heard

Kiss elected with 8,388 votes (48%)

Put another way, over 52% of the voters rejected Kiss.

2009 Burlington Mayor Election
Tuesday, March 3, 2009

ELECTION COUNT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

Start 1 2 3 Final

First Round >>

ELECTION RULES	
System:	Instant Runoff Voting
Threshold Type:	Droop
Simultaneous Drop:	When mathematically inevitable
Ties:	1) Previous Round method 2) By drawing lots
8,980 valid ballots. Electing 1 candidate. Winning threshold is 4491 votes. There were 4 invalid ballots. (8,984 total ballots processed.)	
CANDIDATES Bob Kiss Andy Montroll James Simpson Dan Smith Kurt Wright Write-in	

Start 1 2 3 Final

First Round >>

CANDIDATE	THIS ROUND	TOTAL	STATUS
Bob Kiss	0	4313	ELECTED -- 3rd round
Kurt Wright	0	4061	DEFEATED -- 4th round
Andy Montroll	0	0	DEFEATED -- 2nd round
Dan Smith	0	0	DEFEATED -- 1st round
Write-in	0	0	DEFEATED -- 1st round
James Simpson	0	0	DEFEATED -- 1st round
EXHAUSTED PILE:	0	606	
TOTALS:	0	8980	
Kurt Wright is declared DEFEATED, because all of the seats have been filled.			
<< Previous Round			

Note "Winning threshold is 4491 votes"

2,544 Citizens came to have their voices heard

Torre elected with 1,073 votes (42%)

Put another way, over 58% of the voters rejected Torre.

(Independent analysis showed that if Michael Behrendt would have had ~ 70 voters vote for him 2nd instead of 1st, he would have won due to the way IRV shuffles the votes around.)

Aspen City Council Official Instant Runoff Tally, Seat 2

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Candidate	Round 1	Round 2	Percent
Torre (4)	737	1,073	51.0%
Michael Behrendt (5)	822	1,030	49.0%
Jack Johnson (2)	667	--	
Total votes	**2,226**	**2,103**	
Exhausted	261	384	
Undervotes	34	34	
Invalid	23	23	
Total ballots	2,544	2,544	

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Kummer wins Park Board seat without a majority

Candidate is first under ranked-choice voting to be elected without support from a majority of voters.

By **STEVE BRANDT**, Star Tribune

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Carol Kummer won the Nokomis-area Park Board seat, election results released Wednesday show, making her the only single-seat candidate elected without a majority in the new Minneapolis ranked-choice voting system.

Incumbent Kummer amassed 46 percent of the vote to almost 42 percent for Jason Stone in a replay of their 2005 finish. Her election without a majority occurred because 957 ballots, or 12 percent of those cast, were exhausted. That means either the voter didn't list a second or third choice, or the candidate the voter listed was eliminated from consideration.

"I guess I can win under two systems," she quipped afterward, referring to her 2005 victory under traditional voting rules. Kummer, 69, attributed her win to her emphasis on trying to get park improvements in her district, which includes such popular parks as Minnehaha Falls and Pearl Park. Stone couldn't be reached.

Before the election season, Kummer had planned to step down. But when the successor she supported decided not to run just before the filing deadline, Kummer filed again. Voters disregarded the long list of Stone endorsements by elected officials, many living outside the district, ranging from Mayor R.T. Rybak to former Vice President Walter Mondale.

Kummer widened the 2-percentage-point gap she had over Stone in first-choice votes alone. She said that's because supporters of Steve Barland, the third-ranking candidate and a veteran youth coach, also liked her support for playing fields.

Also winning in Wednesday's results were Scott Vreeland, for the Park Board seat southeast of downtown, with 72 percent support, and Gary Schiff in the Ninth Ward, with 60.7 percent. Results aren't official until certified by the city canvassing board, which is expected after Thanksgiving. Election officials have now finished the release of results of single-seat contests for the council and Park Board, with the lopsided mayoral

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