BALLOT QUESTION # 4—Proportional Ranked Choice Voting

Shall the Municipality Approve the Charter Modifications Recommended by the Charter Commission Relating to Proportional Ranked Choice Voting as Summarized Below?

1. Proposed Summary:

This Charter modification authorizes the city to use a proportional ranked choice voting method for elections in which more than one person is to be elected to a single office (i.e. a multiple seat election) and directs the city council to enact an ordinance to establish the proportional ranked choice voting method.

2. Charter Language

Note: This contains only the provisions related to the Commission proposal in Question # 4 and only those sections which will be changed if this question is adopted. Deletions are shown by strikeouts; new language is underlined.

1. Amend ARTICLE II. City Council, Section 3. Ranked choice voting; instant runoff to add Section 3(f) as follows:

   (f) For elections conducted by ranked choice voting where more than one person is to be elected to a single office (i.e., a multiple seat election), the winners shall be determined by a proportional method of ranked choice voting. Such method shall provide for candidates to be elected on the basis of thresholds determined by the number of seats to be filled plus one, ballots to be counted in rounds, votes to be transferred from defeated candidates, and for votes, in fractions or in whole, in excess of the threshold to be transferred from elected candidates. The city council shall by ordinance establish such a proportional ranked choice voting system.