

Terry W. Reilly

TO: Elections Commission

Date: 4/21/10

From: Terry Reilly

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Regarding: Majority Winner

Dear Election Commission,

Results from IRV elections have shown candidates elected with less than 50% votes from voters showing up at the polls.

A majority of voters rejected the winner.

Of the 11 or so restricted RCV races in SF, only one achieved support of the majority of those who showed up to the polls, or sent absentee ballots in.

This typical of RCV elections across the country.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T" and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

Terry Reilly

31,639 Citizens came to have their voices heard on Election Day.

**City and County of San Francisco
Consolidated General Election
November 2, 2004**

Elsbernd elected with 13,834 votes (42.74%)

District 7 - Ranked-Choice Voting

Put another way, over 57% of the voters rejected Elsbernd

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Elsbernd was the plurality winner.

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

35,109 Citizens came to have their voices heard on election day

Mirkarimi elected with 13,211 votes (37.63%)

Put another way, over 63% of the voters rejected Mirkarimi

Mirkarimi was the plurality winner.

District 5 - 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	Pass 12	Pass 13	Pass 14	Pass 15	Pass 16	Pass 17	Pass 18	Pass 19
ROSS MIRKARIMI	(Winner 50.596%)	9947	9950	9952	9969	9996	10034	10094	10158	10261	10387	10472	10635	10766	10946	11262	11659	11921	12287	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		*																		
Eligible Ballots		35109	35101	35088	35062	35010	34962	34890	34797	34680	34537	34259	34029	33657	33162	32571	31824	30753	29028	26111
Exhausted Ballots		4146	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

19,814 Citizens came to have their voices heard

Ed Jew elected with 8,388 votes (42.33%)

Put another way, over 57% of the voters rejected Ed Jew.

Ed Jew was the plurality winner.

(Ed Jew was later to be found to not live in the District, which, upon closer examination and scrutiny of a run-off campaign might have become apparent)

Jew later indicted on Federal charges of mail fraud and extortion, currently serving time in prison after pleading guilty to these charges and a state charge of regarding his residency violation as an office holder.

City and County of San Francisco Consolidated General Election November 7, 2006 RCV District 4

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OFFICIAL RESULTS
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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

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	Round 2	Final Round Percentage
	First preference votes	Vote Change (+ Added, - Subtracted)		
		<i>Defeated Barland, Peterson, Looney, and Write-in</i>		
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

2009 Burlington Mayor Election Tuesday, March 3, 2009

ELECTION COUNT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

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

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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.

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	

Aspen city council election as voted

Derek Johnson wins first council seat. Torre wins the second council seat:

	pref1 + pref 2	pref 1	pref 2	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 2-1	round 2-2
kasabach	548	256	292	0	0	0	0	0
jack j.	725	463	262	569	740	910	668	0
frisch	705	425	280	0	0	0	0	0
torre	785	386	399	534	0	0	738	1074
behrendt	739	355	384	538	678	0	825	1034
lasser	102	27	75	0	0	0	0	0
wampler	270	94	176	0	0	0	0	0
derek j.	892	465	427	761	893	1234	0	0
speck	138	38	100	0	0	0	0	0
write-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
write- 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4904	cast	2509	2395	2402	2311	2144	2231	2108
184	exhausted	35	149	118	208	373	289	411
0	errors	0	0	24	25	27	24	25
5088	ballots	2544	2544	2544	2544	2544	2544	2544
2452	total cast/2			1201.0	1155.5	1072.0	1115.5	1054.0
1255	threshold			1202	1156	1073	1116	1055

[data prepared by Harvie Branscomb (Colorado Voter Group) from data provided from True Ballot's election Microsoft® Access database - yellow background for winners of rounds, border around winner of contest]

Note: 2509 ballots were voted for either 1st or 2nd preference or both in the city council contest, therefore according to the rules the initial threshold for round one is 1255.

Aspen election with 69 voters who instead of voting Behrendt first, vote Jack Johnson ahead of Behrendt
 Derek Johnson wins first council seat. Torre wins the second council seat.

	pref1 + pref 2	pref 1	pref 2	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 2-1	round 2-2
kasabach	532	256	276	0	0	0	0	0
jack j.	760	532	228	638	677	914	737	0
frisch	703	425	278	0	0	0	0	0
torre	778	386	392	534	658	0	738	1074
behrendt	739	286	453	469	0	0	756	1034
lasser	102	27	75	0	0	0	0	0
wampler	264	94	170	0	0	0	0	0
derek j.	888	465	423	761	986	1230	0	0
speck	138	38	100	0	0	0	0	0
write-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
write- 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4904	cast	2509	2395	2402	2321	2144	2231	2108
184	exhausted	35	149	118	196	373	289	411
0	errors	0	0	24	27	27	24	25
5088	ballots	2544	2544	2544	2544	2544	2544	2544
2452	total cast/2			1201.0	1160.5	1072.0	1115.5	1054.0
1255	threshold			1202	1161	1073	1116	1055

Aspen election with 70 voters who instead of voting Behrendt first, vote Jack Johnson ahead of Behrendt
 Derek Johnson wins first council seat. Behrendt wins the second council seat- note the tie in round 2-1.

	pref1 + pref 2	pref 1	pref 2	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 2-1	round 2-2
kasabach	532	256	276	0	0	0	0	0
jack j.	761	533	228	639	678	915	738	1000
frisch	703	425	278	0	0	0	0	0
torre	778	386	392	534	658	0	738	0
behrendt	739	285	454	468	0	0	755	1017
lasser	102	27	75	0	0	0	0	0
wampler	264	94	170	0	0	0	0	0
derek j.	887	465	422	761	985	1229	0	0
speck	138	38	100	0	0	0	0	0
write-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
write- 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4904	cast	2509	2395	2402	2321	2144	2231	2017
184	exhausted	35	149	118	196	373	289	501
0	errors	0	0	24	27	27	24	26
5088	ballots	2544	2544	2544	2544	2544	2544	2544
2452	total cast/2			1201.0	1160.5	1072.0	1115.5	1008.5
1255	threshold			1202	1161	1073	1116	1009

Note that Aspen rules call for using the first preference to disambiguate a tie- therefore J. Jackson wins over Torre in the first round for the second winner.

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Aspen election with 71 voters who instead of voting Behrendt first, vote Jack Johnson ahead of Behrendt
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jack j.	762	534	228	640	678	915	739	1001
frisch	703	425	278	0	0	0	0	0
torre	778	386	392	534	658	0	738	0
behrendt	739	284	455	467	0	0	754	1016
lasser	102	27	75	0	0	0	0	0
wampler	264	94	170	0	0	0	0	0
derek j.	887	465	422	761	985	1229	0	0
speck	137	38	99	0	0	0	0	0
write-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
write- 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4904	cast	2509	2395	2402	2321	2144	2231	2017
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Aspen election with 78 voters who instead of voting Behrendt first, vote Jack Johnson ahead of Behrendt; Derek Johnson wins first council seat. Behrendt wins the second council seat:

	pref1 + pref 2	pref 1	pref 2	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 2-1	round 2-2
kasabach	532	256	276	0	0	0	0	0
jack j.	764	541	223	647	678	915	746	1008
frisch	703	425	278	0	0	0	0	0
torre	778	386	392	534	658	0	738	0
behrendt	739	277	462	460	0	0	747	1009
lasser	102	27	75	0	0	0	0	0
wampler	264	94	170	0	0	0	0	0
derek j.	887	465	422	761	985	1229	0	0
speck	135	38	97	0	0	0	0	0
write-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
write- 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4904	cast	2509	2395	2402	2321	2144	2231	2017
184	exhausted	35	149	118	196	373	289	501
0	errors	0	0	24	27	27	24	26
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