



**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 11, 2011**

**DEPARTMENT:** CITY CLERK  
**DIRECTOR:** BEVERLY K. BRIDGES

Consent  Discussion

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and possible action regarding the certification of canvassed election returns for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Primary Election.

**Fiscal Impact:**

No Impact  Augmentation Required  
 Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**  
**Funding Source:**  
**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The City of Las Vegas Municipal Primary Election was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. As provided by the Clark County Registrar of Voters, the results of this Election were canvassed comparing the computer printout of ballots counted and the results thereof with the official ballot statements for the 356 precincts used in this election.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accept and certify the official election results as presented.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at Meeting Letter from Harvard L. Lomax on Results of Canvass of the Primary Election with Attached Audits of Voter Verifiable Paper Trail Printers and Voting Machine Firmware and Operating Systems, Subdivision Report and Statement of Vote for Mayor, Councilman Wards 1, 3 and 5, and Municipal Court Judge Departments 2, 3 and 5

Motion made by STEVE WOLFSON to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1  
RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-OSCAR B. GOODMAN)

**Minutes:**

CITY CLERK BEVERLY K. BRIDGES reported that for the April 5, 2011, Primary Election, 48,537 of the 222,185 registered voters cast their ballots, resulting in a 21.85 percent turnout. The total for early voting was 19,697. This was a very good turnout and 3.5 times the result of the 2009 Primary Election.

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The Clark County Registrar canvassed the returns, comparing the ballots counted with the official ballot statements for 356 election precincts. There were no tabulation errors, and only one irreconcilable discrepancy, but it did not alter the outcome of any contest. Also, the mail ballots reconciled under the City Clerk's management gave no irreconcilable discrepancies.

CITY CLERK BRIDGES gave thanks to HARVARD L. LOMAX, County Registrar of Voters, and his staff for their efforts to ensure a smooth and successful election. She recommended the Council accept and certify the canvassed results of the 2011 Primary Election.

CITY CLERK BRIDGES indicated for COUNCILMAN WOLFSON that the turnout for this Primary Election was higher than the 2009 Primary, in which there was no mayoral race, and also higher than the 17 percent turnout of the 2007 Primary, which did include a mayoral race. She could not yet provide the cost of this election because it takes the County Registrar approximately 30 days to provide a total, but indicated she would make it available as soon as she receives the total.

CITY CLERK BRIDGES advised COUNCILMAN PARK that printing and staffing on Election Day are the expenses that normally drive up the cost of an election.

CITY CLERK BRIDGES informed COUNCILMAN WOLFSON that 8.87 percent of the voters voted early, 10.21 percent on Election Day, and 2.7 percent through mail. She opined that it is more expensive to vote on Election Day than to vote away with early voting, because more machines and staff would be needed. However, there is a bill draft before the legislature requesting the elimination of early voting.

BEATRICE TURNER, representing West Las Vegas, alleged that many people that have been voting absentee for many years did not receive their absentee ballots, and would, therefore, be filing a complaint with the Justice Department. She also claimed that the voting machines are not 100 percent reliable. She knows a voter that selected her mayoral candidate and the machine showed someone else. MAYOR PRO TEM REESE stated that, from his experience, the voting machines work accurately, as long as the voters press the correct buttons.