ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
NON-PARTISAN MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION
CITY OF MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOVEMBER 4, 2003
WARD 1

Leo R. Bernier
CITY CLERK

SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

CITY OFFICES

FOR MAYOR
(Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE)

- ROBERT A. BAINES ○
- CARLOS GONZALEZ ○
- (Write-in) ○

FOR WELFARE COMMISSIONER
(Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE)

- PAUL R. R. MARTINEAU ○
- (Write-in) ○

FOR ALDERMEN AT-LARGE
(Vote for NOT MORE THAN TWO)

- JOSEPH KELLY LEVASSEUR ○
- MICHAEL "MIKE" LOPEZ ○
- DANIEL P. O'NEIL ○
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○

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WARD OFFICES

FOR ALDERMAN
(Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE)

- MARK E. ROY ○
- DAVID WIHBY ○
- (Write-in) ○

FOR WARD CLERK
(Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE)

- DIANNE D. BEATON ○
- SCOTT E. GREEN ○
- (Write-in) ○

FOR MODERATOR
(Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE)

- JEFFREY GOLEY ○
- GEORGE TOSATTI ○
- (Write-in) ○

FOR SELECTMEN
(Vote for NOT MORE THAN THREE)

- PAUL ALLARD ○
- LOUISE BRACKETT ○
- JOCELYNE D. CHAMPAGNE ○
- ELLERY HATHORN ○
- KAREN SHEEHAN LORD ○
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○

SCHOOL OFFICES

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT-LARGE
(Vote for NOT MORE THAN TWO)

- NORMA GREER CHAMPAGNE ○
- THOMAS J. DONOVAN ○
- KATHLEEN M. KELLEY ○
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE
(Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE)

- LESLEE M. STEWART ○
- (Write-in) ○

QUESTION 1

"A contributory retirement plan for city employees was adopted by the voters of Manchester at the November 1973 election. The plan became effective in January 1974, and now benefit improvements are requested. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Act of the General Court of 2003, amending sections 5 and 9 of the City of Manchester Employees Contributory Retirement System to provide the opportunity for additional contributions by the employees and to provide a process for the filling of vacancies on the board of trustees?"

YES ○
NO ○

QUESTION 2

"A contributory retirement plan for city employees was adopted by the voters of Manchester at the November 1973 election. The plan became effective in January 1974, and now, benefit improvements are requested. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Act of the General Court of 2003, amending sections 16 and 18 of the City of Manchester Employees Contributory Retirement System to provide for changes in accidental and ordinary death benefits by providing a widow's benefit?"

YES ○
NO ○

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TURN OVER TO COMPLETE VOTING

CHARTER REVISION QUESTION

"Shall the municipality approve the charter revision recommended by the charter commission?"

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YES ◯
NO ◯

SUMMARY

Following formal review, the Charter Commission is recommending revisions to the current charter. Key revisions recommended to become effective immediately unless otherwise noted are:

- Partisan Elections, including party primaries, for all offices except School Committee, in place of non-partisan elections.
- Primary Election for School Committee candidates, regardless of how many are running.
- Eliminate the At-Large Aldermen and At-Large School Committee positions, effective November 2005.
- Change elected Welfare Commissioner to department head appointed by Mayor and approved by majority of Aldermen, effective November 2005.
- Allow sending towns to have representation on committees of the School Committee.
- Change inauguration date of elected officials from early January to two weeks following the November election.
- Change finalization of City budget (includes school budget) from early June to the first Tuesday in April.
- Change budget fallback provisions from the Mayor's budget submission to the prior year budget.
- Eliminate commissions for Police, Fire, Highway, and Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, and remove Board of Mayor and Aldermen authority to establish departmental commissions.
- Mayor and one Alderman to now serve on Airport Authority and Water Commission.
- Change City Clerk to be elected by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen every two years, rather than appointed by Board until removed.
- Allow removal of department head or officer by Mayor with simple majority of Board of Mayor and Aldermen, rather than a finding by a super majority of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
- The Mayor rather than the Board of Aldermen to now nominate City officers and includes the City Solicitor as a City officer.
- Eliminate the Board of Mayor and Aldermen's authority to set compensation for the Mayor, School Committee, and Aldermen; and set compensations by charter: Mayor, $68,000; School Committee each $2,000, and Aldermen each $5,000 annually, with no benefits for School Committee and Aldermen.
- Requires period of public testimony at committee meetings of the School Committee.
- Tightens provisions for charter enforcement and ethics code adding city officials, parents and siblings to definitions; adds standards of conduct by charter rather than ordinance.
- Requires an internal auditor nominated by the Mayor and approved by a majority of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, rather than provisional ordinance under Finance Department.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

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