

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING

August 14, 1989

89-2451

Agenda item 2: Receive report of the canvassing committee and adopt a resolution accepting the canvassing committee's report declaring the results of the August 12, 1989 city special election

Mayor Pro Tem Evans, acting as chair of the canvassing committee appointed to canvass the returns of the August 12 city special election, presented the report of the committee for consideration by the council.

Councilman Buerger moved to receive the report and to adopt the resolution declaring the results of the election.

Motion seconded by Councilman Box.

During the debate on Councilman Buerger's motion Councilman Wells moved the previous question.

Motion seconded by Councilman Box.

The mayor pro tem called the vote on the previous question:

Voting Aye: Evans, Tandy, Bartos, Wells, Box, Miers	- 6
Voting Nay: Ragsdale, Palmer, Lipscomb, Buerger	- 4
Absent: Strauss	- 1

The mayor pro tem declared that as less than two-thirds of the council had voted in the affirmative the previous question was lost and that debate could resume on Councilman Buerger's motion.

After further discussion the mayor pro tem called the vote on Councilman Buerger's motion.

Voting Aye: Evans, Tandy, Palmer, Bartos, Wells, Box, Miers, Buerger	- 8
Voting Nay: Ragsdale, Lipscomb	- 2
Absent: Strauss	- 1

The mayor pro tem declared the motion adopted.

REPORT OF CANVASSING COMMITTEE AND  
RESOLUTION AND ORDER APPROVING REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

We, the undersigned, your Committee of the City Council appointed on June 28, 1989, to canvass the returns of the election held in the City of Dallas on August 12, 1989, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City certain questions as to amending the Charter of the City of Dallas and amending Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code concerning the city employees' retirement fund, hereby report that we have carefully canvassed the returns of the election and we submit the tabulated statement of the votes received by the respective candidates and propositions, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

In accordance with Ordinance Nos. 20353 and 20355, as amended, the following propositions were submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Dallas:

PROPOSITION NO. 1.

City Council Structure and Role of Mayor

Shall Chapter III, Sections 1, 2, 3A, 5, and 9; Chapter IV, Sections 3, 4, 5(a), 6, 7, and 8; Chapter XVI, Section 1; Chapter XVII, Section 2; and Chapter XXIV, Section 13 and 21 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for: increasing the city council composition to 15 members, 10 members elected by qualified voters of local districts, four members elected by qualified voters of regional districts, and one member elected as mayor by all qualified voters of the city; city council members from local districts and regional districts to be elected to a term of two years; the mayor to be elected for a term of four years; the date city council members take office to conform with state law; the city council members elected from local and regional districts to serve no more than four consecutive two-year terms; the mayor to serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms; redefining "term" as any period in excess of 366 days; duties and responsibilities of the mayor; the filling of city council vacancies; a quorum of the city council; local and regional city

council districts; residency requirements for city council candidates; deleting requirement for \$50 city council candidate filing fee; appointment of city board chairs by the mayor; the number of members on city boards; and transitional provisions for the 1989 charter amendments?

PROPOSITION NO. 2.

City Council Procedures

Shall Chapter III, Section 13; Chapter IX, Section 2; and Chapter XXIV, Section 21 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to require procedures for the conduct of city council meetings; to create city council standing committees; and to establish a city council finance committee; and to provide transitional provisions for the 1989 charter amendments?

PROPOSITION NO. 3.

City Council Compensation and Staffing

Shall Chapter III, Sections 4 and 14 and Chapter XXIV, Section 21 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for: city council members to receive a monthly fee of \$1,650 plus expenses of office; the mayor to receive a monthly fee of \$2,500 plus expenses of office; a compensation commission, composed of qualified voters of the city, to review the compensation of the city council and the mayor and submit recommendations for voter approval; the hiring of an assistant for each member of the city council; and transitional provisions for the 1989 charter amendments?

PROPOSITION NO. 4.

Redistricting Commission

Shall Chapter IV, Section 5(b) and Chapter XXIV, Section 21 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to establish a redistricting commission to prepare a districting plan that proposes the boundaries of the various city council districts; and to provide transitional provisions for the 1989 charter amendments?

## PROPOSITION NO. 5.

Meetings and Elections

Shall Chapter III, Section 6 and Chapter IV, Section 9, 10, and 11 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to conform with the requirements of state law concerning meetings and elections; and to make certain semantic, grammatical, and structural changes?

## PROPOSITION NO. 6.

City Auditor

Shall Chapter IX, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to establish a nominating procedure for the selection of the city auditor?

## PROPOSITION NO. 7.

City Controller

Shall Chapter XI, Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to authorize the city controller to issue checks and pay bills and other obligations of the city?

## PROPOSITION NO. 8.

Police Department

Shall Chapter XII, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to establish unclassified police assistants limited to three ranks immediately below the rank of chief; and to provide compensation for assistant chiefs performing duties of the chief in the chief's absence in conformance with state law?

## PROPOSITION NO. 9.

Zoning Commission

Shall Chapter XV, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to correct references to obsolete state law?

## PROPOSITION NO. 10.

Personnel Appeals

Shall Section 12.1 be added to Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Dallas to provide for an administrative law judge as an alternative final appeal for discharged or demoted employees?

## PROPOSITION NO. 11.

Police and Fire Department Personnel

Shall Chapter XVI, Section 16 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to allow sworn fire and police department employees to engage in political activity to the extent allowed by state law?

## PROPOSITION NO. 12.

Park and Recreation Department

Shall Chapter XVII, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to authorize the park and recreation board to enter into leases or agreements with terms not exceeding one year; and to authorize the park and recreation board to make emergency purchases to the extent allowed by city council rules?

## PROPOSITION NO. 13.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Shall Chapter XVIII, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to clarify the city council voting requirements?



## PROPOSITION NO. 14.

Public Contracts

Shall Chapter XXII, Sections 1 and 6 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to authorize a designee of the city manager to approve certain change orders?

## PROPOSITION NO. 15.

Financial Interest Prohibition

Shall Chapter XXII, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to exclude city employees participating in federally-funded housing programs from the city financial interest prohibitions to the extent allowed by law?

## PROPOSITION NO. 16.

Shall Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code, known as the employees' retirement fund of the City of Dallas, be amended in accordance with Ordinance No. 20354, to limit annual benefits under the retirement fund in compliance with Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code; and to provide that members of the retirement fund before January 1, 1990 shall accrue annual benefits under the terms of the fund in effect on October 14, 1987.

It appears that the following number of votes were cast respectively YES and NO on Proposition Nos. 1 through 16:

## PROPOSITION NO. 1

YES	41,451
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NO	20,825
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## PROPOSITION NO. 2

YES	43,225
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NO	16,931
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## PROPOSITION NO. 3

YES 30,910

NO 31,930

## PROPOSITION NO. 4

YES 40,762

NO 20,847

## PROPOSITION NO. 5

YES 46,189

NO 15,377

## PROPOSITION NO. 6

YES 44,801

NO 15,810

## PROPOSITION NO. 7

YES 43,884

NO 17,195

## PROPOSITION NO. 8

YES 40,701

NO 20,501

## PROPOSITION NO. 9

YES	48,307
NO	12,925

## PROPOSITION NO. 10

YES	37,803
NO	22,650

## PROPOSITION NO. 11

YES	41,864
NO	20,157

## PROPOSITION NO. 12

YES	40,641
NO	20,404

## PROPOSITION NO. 13

YES	45,214
NO	15,654

## PROPOSITION NO. 14

YES	34,150
NO	25,468

## PROPOSITION NO. 15

YES	36,913
NO	23,150



## PROPOSITION NO. 16

YES	39,882
NO	17,383

From this tabulation it appears that Proposition No. 3 was defeated and that Propositions Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 were approved by the qualified voters of the City of Dallas participating in the election.

  
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