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# REPORT OF CANVASSING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AND ORDER APPROVING REPORT ETC.

REPORT TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

We, the undersigned, your Committee of the City Council, heretofore appointed on June 11, 1973, to canvass the returns of a Special Election held in the City of Dallas on June 12, 1973, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Dallas questions relating to the adoption of Amendments to the City Charter, hereby report that, in accordance with Ordinance No. 14085 passed by the City Council on April 30, 1973, ordering said election, as amended by Ordinance No. 14096 passed by the City Council on May 10, 1973, the following propositions were submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Dallas:

## PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE

Shall Chapter I, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for the boundaries of the City to be kept in official form as ordinances in the office of the City Secretary?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER TWO

Shall Chapter II, Section 1(7) of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for the assessing, levying, and collecting of any taxes which are not prohibited by State law?

## PROPOSITION NUMBER THREE

Shall Chapter III, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 9; Chapter IV, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for the increase in the number of City Councilmen to 13 members; to provide for the election of eight of said Councilmen from single-member districts; to provide for the election of four of said members at-large but residing in a combination of two districts for each member; to provide for the dividing of the City into districts as census data is available; to provide that the candidates must have resided in the district from which they seek election at least six months prior to the date of the election and must continuously reside in the district during their term of office; to provide for the election of the Mayor at-large; to provide for the proper designation of the candidates on the ballot and the voters who may vote for the same; to provide that no member of the Council exclusive of the Mayor shall serve more than two consecutive elective terms; to provide for a quorum; to provide that these amendments shall become effective the first Tuesday in April, 1975?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER FOUR

Shall Chapter III, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for the payment of \$100.00 to each member of the City Council attending a called or regular meeting and the payment of \$150.00 to the Mayor for attending such meetings; to provide for the payment of all necessary expenses incurred by the Mayor and members of the City Council in the performance of their official duties?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER FOUR A

Shall Chapter III, Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that vacancies in the City Council occurring within one year from an election be filled by Special Election; to provide that persons filling vacancies meet all requirements for candidates in a General City Election?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER FIVE

Shall Chapter III, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the members of the City Council shall meet at the building designated as the official City Hall for regular meetings of the Council; to provide that the meetings shall be held in the City Council Chamber in such building unless postponed or cancelled for valid reasons?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER SIX

Shall Chapter III, Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the City Secretary shall be given at least sixty days notice prior to his removal from office by the City Council?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER SEVEN

Shall Chapter III, Sections 14 and 15 be amended to provide that the City Manager shall provide professional and secretarial assistance to the City Council and that the Council may have a voice in the selection of these personnel?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER EIGHT

Shall Chapter III, Section 17 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that no City Councilman during the term for which he was elected be appointed to a position of emolument in the service of the City; to provide that an employee of the City shall forfeit his position with the City if he becomes a candidate for nomination or election to an elective public office within Dallas County or in another County within the State having contractual relations with the City direct or indirect or any elective public office which would conflict with his position as an employee of the City?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER NINE

Shall Chapter III, Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that a copy of the independent audit of the City shall be kept available in the offices of the City Secretary for inspection by any citizen and that a summary be published in the official newspaper?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER TEN

Shall Chapter IV, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that all persons have a right to vote in City elections who have resided in the City for thirty days immediately preceding the election; to provide that in elections to determine the expenditure of money, assumption of debt, or levying of taxes only those qualified to vote who have resided in the City for thirty days preceding the election and who own taxable property and have rendered it for taxation may vote?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER ELEVEN

Shall Chapter IV, Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that a candidate for a place on the City Council shall file not less than forty (40) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the elction; to provide that the acceptance of the nomination by the candidate shall be contained on the petition filed with the City Secretary?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER TWELVE

Shall Chapter V, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that petition for recall of a member of the City Council must be signed by fifteen percent (15%) of the voters entitled to vote for the place occupied by the member sought to be removed; to provide that notice of the petition must be given to the City Secretary on the date that the petition is first circulated and that the final petition with the required signatures must be filed within sixty (60) days thereafter?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTEEN

Shall Chapter VI, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the City Council may enter into a contract of employment with the City Manager; to provide that the City Manager shall be given at least sixty (60) days notice prior to his removal from office by the City Council?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER FOURTEEN

Shall Chapter VII, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by deleting the requirement that the City Attorney and all Assistants devote their entire time to the service of the City?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER FIFTEEN

Shall Chapter VIII, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the City Council may by ordinance create and provide for Municipal Courts and may appoint one or more Municipal Judges to serve each court?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER SIXTEEN

Shall Chapter VIII, Section 2(2) and Section 2(5) of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to change the name of Corporation Courts to Municipal Courts and to make the jurisdiction concurrent with the appropriate State Court according to State Law and City ordinances?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER SEVENTEEN

Shall Chapter VIII, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to change the designation of Corporation Courts to Municipal Courts and City Judges to Municipal Judges?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER EIGHTEEN

Shall Chapter VIII, Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to change the designation City Judge to Municipal Judge and to provide for authority to place persons upon probation?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER NINETEEN

Same Same

Shall Chapter VIII, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for the appointment of Associate Municipal Judges on a temporary basis; to provide that such judges shall not represent clients in the Municipal Courts; to provide for such appointment by resolution of the City Council?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY

Shall Chapter IX, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the monthly financial statement shall be submitted to the City Manager only?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-ONE

Shall Chapter IX, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the special audit of the accounts of any officer of the City shall be made to the City Manager only?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-TWO

Shall Chapter X, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for the establishment of departments by a majority instead of a three-fourths (3/4ths) vote of the City Council?

## PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-THREE

Shall Chapter XII, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to delete Subsection (1) and Subsection (2) calling for itemized estimate of the expenses of each Department and a comparison with the corresponding last two fiscal years and renumbering the balance of the subsections within Section 1?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR

Shall Chapter XII, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for passage of the appropriation ordinance on second reading and to cause it to be published with any items omitted or changed by the Council?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE

Shall Chapter XII, Section 10 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by providing that monies to be derived from lawfully authorized bonds shall be deemed to be money in the Treasury?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-SIX

Shall Chapter XIII, Sections 1 and 3 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the unclassified positions of Assistant to Chief of Police shall be limited to two grades or ranks immediately below the rank of Chief?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN

Shall Chapter XIV, Sections 1, 3, and 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the unclassified positions of Assistant to the Chief of the Fire Department shall be limited to the two grades or ranks immediately below the rank of Chief?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT

Shall Chapter XX, Section 9 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for four alternate members to the Board of Adjustment?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-NINE

Shall Chapter XXI, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for notice at least seven days prior to any public meeting of the Civil Service Board at which new rules are to be adopted; to provide for a lapse of fifteen days between the recommendation date and the action by the City Council; to provide for notificiation to all Department Heads of recommended changes?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY

Shall Chapter XXI, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for re-assignment of incumbents of ranks and grades of employees which have been eliminated by Departmental reorganization without loss of level of compensation subject only to exceptions of overall reduction in force, removal or reduction for cause?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-ONE

Shall Chapter XXI, Section 12, Chapter XIII, Section 9, and Chapter XIV, Section 9 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the City Secretary shall be Secretary to the Trial Board; to provide that a decision of the Trial Board may be appealed to the District Court; to provide for a Hearing Officer for an officer or employee merely suspended for a definite time or reprimanded and that his decision shall be final; to provide for compensation of the Hearing Officer?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-TWO

Shall Chapter XXI, Section 16 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that employees or associations of employees in the City may not actively participate in City Council election campaigns and to provide the rules limiting their participation in election campaigns other than for City Council?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-THREE

Shall Chapter XXIII, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by providing for a voice vote of the Council on ordinances, resolutions or motions unless a roll call vote is requested?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-FOUR

Shall Chapter XXIII, Sections 11(2) and 11(3) of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that a referendum petition must contain only ten percent (10%) of the qualified voters from the last available County Tax Collector's Voter Registration List and shall contain the voting precinct number opposite each signature?

## PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE

Shall Chapter XXVI, Section 10 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the bond register shall be kept by the City Manager?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-SIX

Shall Chapter XXVII, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for the attestation of all contracts by the City Secretary?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN

Shall Chapter XXVII, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for the acceptance of the lowest bid on contracts under \$10,000.00 by the City Manager under rules set by the Council; to provide that bids other than the lowest bid may be accepted only by the City Council?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-EIGHT

Shall Chapter XXVII, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for emergency spending without competitive bidding in situations of a public calamity, to preserve public health, in cases of unforeseen damage to public properties, when work is done by employees of the City, for the purchase of land, buildings, existing utility systems or rights-of-way, or expenditures relating to the City water system, sewer systems, streets or drainage if the cost of at least one-third (1/3) is to be paid by special assessment levied against the properties to be benefited thereby; to provide for deficiencies in contracts to be paid by the issuance of certificates of obligation and for the sale of public securities as defined in Article 717k-2, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes?

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-NINE

Shall Chapter XXVII, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the City Council may delegate to the City Manager the authority to approve change orders when authorized by State law?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER FORTY

Shall Chapter XXVII, Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that all performance and payment bonds shall designate legal venue for enforcement exclusively in Dallas County, Texas?

# PROPOSITION NUMBER FORTY-ONE

Shall Chapter XXVIII, Sections 1 and 2 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide for notice regarding personal or real property injuries to be filed within six months after the damage or injury occurs?

## PROPOSITION NUMBER FORTY-TWO

Shall Chapter XXIX, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended to provide that the official newspaper must be a daily newspaper with Saturday and Sunday editions?

## PROPOSITION NUMBER FORTY-THREE

Shall the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by repealing Sections 1 and 2, Chapter XI, entitled "Revenue and Taxation"; Section 9 of Chapter XIII, entitled "Police Department"; Chapter XV, entitled "Public Works Department"; Chapter XVI, entitled "Public Health Department"; Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter XVII, entitled "Water Utilities Department"; Chapter XVIII, entitled "Public Utilities Department"; Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter

XX, entitled "Department of Urban Development"; and renumbering all Chapters and Sections to maintain consecutive order; renumbering Section 3 of Chapter XI to become Section 13 of Chapter XII and providing for the insertion of the officer "the Director of Revenue and Taxation"; renumbering Section 3 of Chapter XVII to become Section 14 of Chapter XII; changing Chapter XX from "Department of Urban Development" to "Planning and Zoning" and renumbering the sections thereof?

We have carefully canvassed the returns of said Special Election and find that the following number of votes were cast, respectively, FOR and AGAINST said Propositions:

PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE

FOR

9503

**AGAINST** 

4544

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWO

**FOR** 

3535

**AGAINST** 

11081

PROPOSITION NUMBER THREE

FOR

3920

**AGAINST** 

10935

PROPOSITION NUMBER FOUR

**FOR** 

4830

**AGAINST** 

9725

PROPOSITION NUMBER FOUR A

**FOR** 

5814

AGAINST

8618

PROPOSITION NUMBER FIVE

**FOR** 

10391

AGAINST

3604

PROPOSITION NUMBER SIX

**FOR** 

7929

**AGAINST** 

6106

PROPOSITION NUMBER SEVEN

FOR

8646

**AGAINST** 

PROPOSITION NUMBER EIGHT

FOR

9498

AGAINST

4226

PROPOSITION NUMBER NINE

FOR

10793

AGAINST

3226

PROPOSITION NUMBER TEN

**FOR** 

7858

AGAINST

6136

PROPOSITION NUMBER ELEVEN

**FOR** 

10074

AGAINST

3624

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWELVE

**FOR** 

9036

AGAINST

4525

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTEEN

**FOR** 

8137

AGAINST

5662

PROPOSITION NUMBER FOURTEEN

FOR

5504

AGAINST

8226

PROPOSITION NUMBER FIFTEEN

**FOR** 

8864

AGAINST

4652

PROPOSITION NUMBER SIXTEEN

**FOR** 

9667

**AGAINST** 

PROPOSITION NUMBER SEVENTEEN

FOR

9748

AGAINST

3818

PROPOSITION NUMBER EIGHTEEN

FOR

9616

AGAINST

4037

PROPOSITION NUMBER NINETEEN

**FOR** 

9362

AGAINST

4200

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY

**FOR** 

5825

**AGAINST** 

7714

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-ONE

**FOR** 

5393

**AGAINST** 

8036

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-TWO

**FOR** 

5511

AGAINST

8001

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-THREE

**FOR** 

5639

AGAINST

8168

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR

**FOR** 

8563

**AGAINST** 

5124

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE

FOR

6296

**AGAINST** 

7545

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-SIX

**FOR** 

8586

AGAINST

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN

FOR

8601

AGAINST

5118

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT

**FOR** 

8973

AGAINST

4566

PROPOSITION NUMBER TWENTY-NINE

FOR

10134

AGAINST

3623

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY

FOR

7960

AGAINST

5622

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-ONE

**FOR** 

8251

AGAINST

5277

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-TWO

FOR

8393

AGAINST

5367

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-THREE

**FOR** 

7158

AGAINST

6478

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-FOUR

**FOR** 

7186

AGAINST

6354

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE

**FOR** 

9188

AGAINST

4320

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-SIX

**FOR** 

9383

AGAINST

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN

**FOR** 

7709

AGAINST

6177

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-EIGHT

**FOR** 

7628

AGAINST

5927

PROPOSITION NUMBER THIRTY-NINE

**FOR** 

7896

AGAINST

5476

PROPOSITION NUMBER FORTY

FOR

8448

AGAINST

4725

PROPOSITION NUMBER FORTY-ONE

**FOR** 

9524

**AGAINST** 

4265

PROPOSITION NUMBER FORTY-TWO

**FOR** 

8843

AGAINST

4693

PROPOSITION NUMBER FORTY-THREE

**FOR** 

7295

AGAINST

5799

From the foregoing tabulation it appears that PROPOSITIONS NUMBER ONE, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, TEN, ELEVEN, TWELVE, THIRTEEN, FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN, TWENTY-FOUR, TWENTY-SIX, TWENTY-SEVEN, TWENTY-EIGHT, TWENTY-NINE, THIRTY, THIRTY-ONE, THIRTY-TWO, THIRTY-THREE, THIRTY-FOUR, THIRTY-FIVE, THIRTY-SIX, THIRTY-SEVEN, THIRTY-EIGHT, THIRTY-NINE, FORTY, FORTY-ONE, FORTY-TWO and FORTY-THREE set forth above were approved, adopted

and carried and PROPOSITIONS NUMBER TWO, THREE, FOUR, FOUR A, FOURTEEN, TWENTY, TWENTY-ONE, TWENTY-TWO, TWENTY-THREE and TWENTY-FIVE were defeated, by the qualified voters of the City of Dallas participating in said election.

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Canvassing Committee of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Texas.

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# RESOLUTION AND ORDER

WHEREAS, the Canvassing Committee of the City Council has filed the foregoing Canvassing Report of the Special Election held pursuant to Ordinance No. 14085, as amended by Ordinance No. 14096, and the City Council in regular session has duly examined said Report and finds that it is in all things correct; and

WHEREAS, only duly qualified resident electors of the City of Dallas voted in said election, which was ordered and held in strict conformity with the laws of the State of Texas; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the Special Election held on June 12, 1973, pursuant to Ordinances No. 14085 and 14096, was duly ordered and notice thereof given in accordance with law; that said election was held in a manner required by law; that only duly qualified resident electors of the City of Dallas voted in said election; and that returns of said election have been made by the proper officers.

SECTION 2. That the canvass of the returns of said Special Election and the tabulation of the votes cast therein FOR and AGAINST the forty-four propositions submitted on the Official Ballot, as shown by the foregoing Report of the Canvassing Committee, be, and it is hereby in all respects approved and adopted.

SECTION 3. That Propositions Number 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 received a majority of the votes cast at said election and each of said Propositions is hereby declared to have carried.

SECTION 4. That Propositions Number 2, 3, 4, 4A, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 25 were defeated a majority of the votes cast at said election and said propositions are hereby declared not to have carried.

SECTION 5. That Propositions Number 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43, to amend the Charter of the City of Dallas, be and they are hereby officially declared to have been adopted by a majority of the qualified voters participating in said election, and it is hereby ordered that the amendments thereby adopted shall become a part of the Charter of the City of Dallas.

SECTION 6. That Wes Wise, Mayor, is hereby authorized to certify to the Secretary of State an authentic copy, under the seal of the City of Dallas, of the Charter Amendments, showing the approval by the qualified voters, in accordance with Article 1173, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

SECTION 7. That the City Secretary is hereby directed to record at length the said Charter Amendments upon the records of the City of Dallas in the separate book that is generally known as the Home Rule Book, kept in his office for such purpose, in accordance with Article 1174 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

SECTION 8. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

N. ALEX BICKLEY, City Attorney

JUN 13 1973

APPROVED BY

CITY COUNCIL

Dity Secretary