



Request for Committee Action From the Office of City Clerk

Date: July 5, 2012

To: The Honorable Cam Gordon, Chair
Elections Committee

Subject: Appointment of Election Judges Serving in the 2012 Primary and General Election

Recommendation: Approve the appointment of the attached list of qualified election judges to serve the voters of the City of Minneapolis in its 117 precincts (polling places), health care facilities, and as members constituting the City's Absentee Ballot Board, and authorize the Election Division to use substitutions from the eligible list of election judges as necessary to conduct the 2012 Primary and General Election.

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Background Information: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 204B.21, subd. 2, and City Charter Chapter 2 §6, the Office of City Clerk–Elections Division requests the City Council to appoint qualified election judges, shown on the attached list, to serve the City of Minneapolis in the 2012 Primary (Aug. 14) and General Election (Nov. 6). These judges will serve voters in the City's 117 precincts (polling places), which were adjusted following the 2012 redistricting of political boundaries. Additionally, some election judges will be designated to serve those voters residing in health care facilities and others to serve as members of the City's Absentee Ballot Board.

Under state law, election judges must be appointed no later than 25 days prior to an election. Therefore, staff also requests authorization to appoint additional judges as necessary and the ability to use qualified substitute judges, to the extent necessary. These additional authorizations will assure the needed flexibility to enable the Elections Division to address contingency plans to assure an overall seamless election.