

ALERTS

Charlotte General Election Newsletter

11.03.2015

ELECTION ANALYSIS

Consistent with past local elections, less than 15 percent of registered voters turned out to the Charlotte general election yesterday. Democrats again dominated the polls, holding the mayoral office and maintaining their 9-2 majority on city council, including all four at-large seats. In the district races, all incumbents easily defended their seats.

Charlotte Mayor

Democrat Jennifer Roberts will be Charlotte's fifth new mayor in less than three years, gaining 52 percent of the vote. Despite registered Democrats outnumbering Republicans by nearly double, Republican candidate Edwin Peacock held a close race, losing by less than 4,000 votes.

City Council At-Large

Democrats maintained their control over the city-wide seats on council. The two incumbents running for reelection, Democrats Vi Lyles and Claire Fallon, both successfully defended their at-large seats. Political newcomer Julie Eiselt made her mark on the election, gaining the most at-large votes, historically indicating that she will likely be the mayor pro-tem for the upcoming term. Also returning to the dais next year will be former councilman James "Smuggie" Mitchell who edged out Republican John Powell to gain the fourth at-large seat.

ELECTION OUTCOMES

CANDIDATES - DEM

%

CANDIDATES - REP

%

Mayor

Jennifer Roberts

52.26

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Edwin Peacock, III

47.60

City Council, At-Large

Julie Eiselt

16.98

John Powell, Jr.

14.20

*Vi Lyles

16.36

Pablo Carvajal

11.66

*Claire Green Fallon

15.81

David Michael Rice

10.41

James (Smuggie) Mitchell

14.30

City Council, District 1

*Patsy Kinsey

93.35

City Council, District 2

*Al Austin

79.56

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Justin Dunn

20.37

City Council, District 3

*LaWana Mayfield

76.12

Eric Netter

23.68

City Council, District 4

*Greg Phipps

71.53

Michael O'Hara

28.37

City Council, District 5

*John Autry

98.80

City Council, District 6

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*Kenny Smith

97.88

City Council, District 7

Chris Turner

31.20

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*Ed Driggs

68.75

School Board - Non-Partisan

*Ericka Ellis-Stewart

18.35

Elyse Dashew

14.88

*Mary McCray

13.77

Jeremy Stephenson

11.77

Larry Bumgarner

10.91

Janeen Bryant

10.57

Amelia Stinson-Wesley

7.44

Angela Ambroise

6.37

Levester Flowers

5.73

*Indicates incumbent candidate