

RESOLUTION NO. 147-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE CANVASS OF RETURNS AND RESULT OF
THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, TO
ELECT MUNICIPAL OFFICERS FOR DISTRICTS 1, 5, AND 6, AND
MEASURES J (RICHMOND ELECTION REFORM ACT) AND L (INSTANT
RUNOFF VOTING)**

WHEREAS, the General Municipal election for the City of Richmond was duly called and legally held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November 2024, as provided by law, to elect municipal officers; and

WHEREAS, the qualified electors, including absent voters, cast ballots at said election for the following proposed competing Measures:

MEASURE J

“Shall the Charter of the City of Richmond be amended to reform the election process in the City of Richmond to improve accountability, governance, and strengthen representation by adding a nonpartisan primary municipal election to the City’s election process?”

MEASURE L

“Shall the City of Richmond Charter be amended to authorize use of instant runoff voting, also known as ranked choice voting, to allow Richmond voters to rank Mayor and City Council election candidates in order of preference on their ballots, intended for implementation for the November 2026 election, and upon adoption of an implementing ordinance by the Richmond City Council?”

WHEREAS, said General Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in accordance with law and the Charter of said City and with Chapter 2.16 of the Municipal Code of the City of Richmond, and the votes thereat received and canvassed, and the returns thereof ascertained, determined, and declared in all respects as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond, as follows:

1. That the statement of the County Clerk of the County of Contra Costa of the votes casts, set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, is hereby approved and adopted and is hereby entered on the Minutes of this Council as a statement of the result of said election.
2. That the total number of votes given to the three positions of Councilmember was as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER – DISTRICT 1 (Four Year Term)

JAMELIA BROWN	1,852 – 49.48%
MELVIN LEE WILSON JR	1,495 – 39.94%
MARK WASSBERG	396 – 10.58%

COUNCILMEMBER – DISTRICT 5 (Four Year Term)

SUE WILSON	4,079 – 56.47%
AHMAD ANDERSON	3,144 – 43.53%

COUNCILMEMBER – DISTRICT 6 (Four Year Term)

CLAUDIA JIMENEZ	4,232 – 61.40%
SHAWN DUNNING	2,661 – 38.60%

3. That at said General Municipal Election the following named persons received the largest number of votes for the office of Councilmember within their district and were, therefore, duly elected to the office for which they were a candidate, and each having received the largest number of votes cast for any person for such office is hereby declared to be duly and regularly elected to such office for the term commencing January 14, 2025, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to each of said persons, certifying their election to the office appearing after their name, and to administer to each of said persons the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the State of California and the Charter of said City, to wit:

Jamelia Brown	Councilmember – District 1 (four-year term)
Sue Wilson	Councilmember – District 5 (four-year term)
Claudia Jimenez	Councilmember – District 5 (four-year term)

6. That at said General Municipal Election Measures J and L were competing measures and the measure with the majority votes shall pass, and the other measure shall be void in its entirety.
7. That at said General Municipal Election **Measure J** received a majority of the votes cast supporting said measure and was, duly approved, to wit:

Measure J – Richmond Election Reform Act	“Shall the Charter of the City of Richmond be amended to reform the election process in the City of Richmond to improve accountability, governance, and strengthen representation by adding a nonpartisan primary municipal election to the City’s election process?”
Total Yes (20,645) – 58.12%	Total No (14,879) – 41.88%

Measure L – Instant Run-Off Voting	“Shall the City of Richmond Charter be amended to authorize use of instant runoff voting, also known as ranked choice voting, to allow Richmond voters to rank Mayor and City Council election candidates in order of preference on their ballots, intended for implementation for the November 2026 election, and upon adoption of an implementing ordinance by the Richmond City Council?”
Total Yes (19,284) – 54.39%	Total No (16,168) – 45.61%

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held December 17, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, McLaughlin, Robinson, Zepeda,
Vice Mayor Jimenez, and Mayor Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Willis.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

EDUARDO MARTINEZ
Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 147-24**, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on December 17, 2024.


Pamela Christian
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CLERK
AS TO THE RESULTS OF THE CANVASS OF THE
City of Richmond
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

State of California)
) ss.
County of Contra Costa)

I, Kristin B. Connelly, County Clerk-Recorder in and for the County of Contra Costa, State of California, do hereby certify that, pursuant to the provisions of the Elections Code, I did canvass the returns of the votes cast in the **City of Richmond**, in said county at the General Election held on November 5, 2024 for said city candidates and measure(s) submitted to the vote of the voters. I further certify that the statement of the votes cast, to which this certificate is attached, shows the whole number of votes cast in said City and each respective precinct therein, and that the totals of the respective columns and the totals as shown for each candidate and measure are full, true, and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 3rd day of December, 2024.

Kristin B. Connelly, County Clerk-Recorder



By: 
Jacob Stull, Deputy Clerk

CITY OF RICHMOND, MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 6 of 6 (100.00%)

		Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
Times Cast		3,153	869	4,022 / 7,600	52.92%
Candidate	Party	Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
JAMELIA BROWN		1,421	431	1,852	49.48%
MELVIN LEE WILLIS JR		1,255	240	1,495	39.94%
MARK WASSBERG		302	94	396	10.58%
Total Votes		2,978	765	3,743	

CITY OF RICHMOND, MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 5 (Vote for 1)

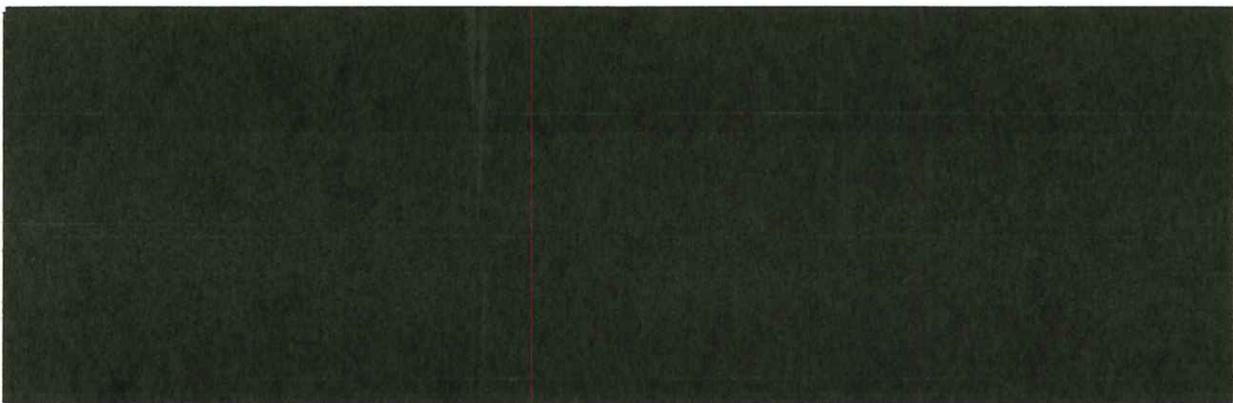
Precincts Reported: 11 of 11 (100.00%)

		Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
Times Cast		6,820	1,198	8,018 / 11,158	71.86%
Candidate	Party	Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
SUE WILSON		3,563	516	4,079	56.47%
AHMAD ANDERSON		2,651	493	3,144	43.53%
Total Votes		6,214	1,009	7,223	

CITY OF RICHMOND, MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 8 of 8 (100.00%)

		Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
Times Cast		6,488	878	7,366 / 10,362	71.09%
Candidate	Party	Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
CLAUDIA JIMENEZ		3,716	516	4,232	61.40%
SHAWN DUNNING		2,400	261	2,661	38.60%
Total Votes		6,116	777	6,893	





MEASURE J - CITY OF RICHMOND - MAJORITY (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 69 of 69 (100.00%)

		Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
Times Cast		32,942	6,012	38,954 / 59,202	65.80%
Candidate	Party	Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
Yes		17,127	3,518	20,645	58.12%
No		13,149	1,730	14,879	41.88%
Total Votes		30,276	5,248	35,524	

MEASURE L - CITY OF RICHMOND - MAJORITY (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 69 of 69 (100.00%)

		Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
Times Cast		32,942	6,012	38,954 / 59,202	65.80%
Candidate	Party	Vote By Mail	In-Person	Total	
Yes		16,240	3,044	19,284	54.39%
No		14,019	2,149	16,168	45.61%
Total Votes		30,259	5,193	35,452	