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MARCH 1, 2011 ANNUAL CITY MEETING--  
PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE RE:  
ELECTION OF MAYOR BY MAJORITY OF VOTERS

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the City Council Charter Change Committee hereby recommends that the following question be placed on the 2011 Annual City Meeting ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following question be placed on the ballot of the Annual City Meeting to be held March 1, 2011:

“Shall the Charter of the City of Burlington, Acts of 1949, No. 298 as amended be further amended to amend Section 5 thereof to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Election to be by ballot; method of election; runoff elections

The election of the mayor and all city councilors and school commissioners shall be by ballot, and the person or persons receiving a plurality of all votes cast for any office aforesaid shall, except as hereinafter provided, be declared elected thereto. However, if no candidate for mayor receives at least 50 percent of all votes cast for that office and if no person receives at least 40 percent of all votes cast for any city council or school commissioner office aforesaid, no one shall be declared elected and a runoff election shall be held. The only candidates in the runoff election shall be the two persons receiving the greater number of votes or, in case of a tie, the persons receiving the greatest number of votes or the persons receiving the second greatest number of votes. The chief administrative officer shall within seven days warn a runoff election to be held not less than 12 days nor more than 20 days after the date of the warning. The warning shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city and posted in a public place.

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40 The person or persons receiving a plurality of all the votes cast in a runoff election shall be  
41 declared elected.?”

42 AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with 17 V.S.A. Sec. 2645,  
43 public hearings on the above-proposed amendment of the Burlington City Charter shall be held  
44 on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 12:00 noon and on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in  
45 Contois Auditorium, City Hall, Burlington, Vermont.

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48 \* Material stricken out deleted.  
49 \*\* Material underlined added.

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