



CITY OF GIDDINGS

May 13, 2026

Texas Secretary of State
Elections Division
P.O. Box 12060
Austin, TX 78711
elections@sos.texas.gov

Re: Certification of Home-Rule Charter Amendment – City of Giddings

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Section 9.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City of Giddings, Texas, hereby certifies and submits the enclosed authenticated copy of the amendment(s) to the City Charter approved by the qualified voters of the City at the election held on May 02, 2026.

I hereby certify that:


1. The attached charter amendments were duly submitted to the voters of the City of Giddings, Texas;
2. The amendments were approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting in the election; and
3. The attached documents are true and correct copies of the charter amendments as approved.

Enclosed please find:

1. Certified copy of the charter amendments;
2. Ordinance ordering the election;
3. Resolution canvassing the election results; and
4. Election results.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact City Secretary Andrea Ray at citysec@giddings.net.

Sincerely,


Linda Pruitt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary



CERTIFICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF LEE

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I, Andrea Ray, City Secretary of the City of Giddings, Texas, hereby certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of the Charter Amendments approved by the voters of the City of Giddings, Texas, at an election held on May 02, 2026.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, this

11th day of May, 2026.

CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS,
a Texas home rule municipality


Andrea Ray, City Secretary



ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 OF THE GIDDINGS CITY CHARTER IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE IV
CITY MANAGER**

§ 2. RESIDENCE OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager must reside in the City of Giddings within 180 days of their appointment.

ARTICLE IV OF THE GIDDINGS CITY CHARTER IS AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 6 AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE IV
CITY MANAGER**

§ 6. QUALIFICATIONS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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ARTICLE X, SECTION 14 OF THE GIDDINGS CITY CHARTER IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE X
THE BUDGET**

§ 14. AUDIT.

The City Council shall cause a continuous audit of the books of account and of all records and transactions of the administration of affairs of the City, such audit to be made annually embracing each fiscal year and shall be made by a public accountant licensed by the State of Texas. The certified public accountant so selected shall have no personal interest, directly or indirectly, in the financial affairs of the City or any of its elected officials. The City Council shall review and evaluate the certified public accountant and their contract no less than once every five (5) years. The duty of the accountant shall include the certification of all statements required by Section 13 herein [of this Article X]; such statements shall include a general balance sheet showing summaries of income and expenditures and also comparisons, in proper classifications, with the last previous audit. The audit shall be filed in the office of the city secretary within 180 days after the last day of the fiscal year, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code ch. 103.

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7 OF THE GIDDINGS CITY CHARTER IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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GENERAL POWERS**

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THE BUDGET**

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**ARTICLE XI
LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE**

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ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7 OF THE GIDDINGS CITY CHARTER IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE IX
MUNICIPAL BONDS AND WARRANTS**

§ 7 LEASE-PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

The City Council shall have the authority to purchase equipment on a lease-purchase plan and to enter into such contracts as may be necessary for the purchase of such equipment. Such purchase shall be on plans and specifications and competitive bids on all items over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). This shall not apply to emergency items.

**CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 917**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to order a special city election on May 2, 2026 to submit to the voters certain proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Giddings; and

WHEREAS, Local Government Code, Section 9.004(a) provides that the “governing body of a municipality on its own motion may submit a proposed charter amendment to the municipality’s qualified voters for their approval at an election;” and

WHEREAS, certain charter amendments are proposed for submission to the voters of the City of Giddings; and

WHEREAS, Local Government Code, Section 9.004(b) requires the charter amendment election to be held on the first authorized uniform election date prescribed by the Texas Election Code or on the earlier of the date of the next municipal general election or presidential general election, and that allows sufficient time to comply with other requirements of law, and that occurs on or after the thirtieth (30th) day after the date the ordinance is adopted; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Code") establishes Saturday, May 2, 2026, as a "uniform election date" for the purpose of conducting an election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to encourage all registered voters in the city to vote in this election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS:

Section 1. Findings

That the facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct legislative findings and are adopted as part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

Section 2. Call of a Special Municipal Election

That a special election to be held in the City of Giddings, Texas on the first Saturday of the month of May, 2026, the same being the 2nd day in May for the purpose of submitting the following measures contained in Exhibit A, attached and fully incorporated into this ordinance. Such measures are proposed charter amendments and their language is incorporated to this order by reference herein.

Section 3. Election Officials

The election official shall be Teresa Shed, Lee County Elections Administrator, whose address is 843 E. Industry, Ste. B Giddings, Texas 78942; and the Elections Administrator may designate two deputy clerks and an Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and Election Judge; and the Election Judge may appoint up to five election workers; and election workers shall be compensated at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for early voting, and \$12.00 per hour for Election Day.

Section 4. Election Equipment

Voting in said election shall be by the use of AccuVote-TSX which shall be in both English and Spanish and which shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. Oral bilingual assistance shall be available during the election.

Section 5. Early Voting

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 118 E. Richmond, Giddings, Texas 78942, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2026 and ending on April 28, 2026.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Elections
PO Box 480
Giddings, TX 78942

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2026.

The location of the polling place for the May 2, 2026, elections shall be the Giddings Municipal Building, 118 E. Richmond Street, Giddings, Texas 78942. The polling place shall be kept open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on May 2, 2026 and due return shall be made to the City Council showing the number of votes cast for each candidate for membership on the City Council.

Section 6. Notice of Election

Political subdivisions other than cities and school districts may have specific statutory notice requirements. In the absence of specific statutory requirements, such political subdivisions must post a notice on or before the 21st day before the election. (Sec. 4.003 (b)). For the Saturday, May 2, 2026 General Election, this notice must be posted on or before Saturday, April 11, 2026.

Section 7. Proposed Charter Amendments

At the election to be held on May 2, 2026, the voters will be asked to vote on the following amendments to the City’s Home Rule Charter:

Proposed Amendment No. 1

TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION IV TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT CITY OFFICERS BE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE AND PROVIDING CLARITY TO THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

ARTICLE II
OFFICERS

§ 4. QUALIFICATIONS.

The Mayor and each councilperson shall be residents of the City of Giddings and have the following qualifications:

- (a) Must be a citizen of the United States.
- (b) Must be a qualified voter of the State of Texas.

(c) Must have resided at least twelve (12) months ~~next~~ preceding the election within the corporate limits of the City of Giddings.

~~(d) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.~~

~~(e)~~(d) Must not be in arrears in payment of taxes or other liabilities due the City of Giddings.

~~(f)~~(e) Must not have been convicted of a felony.

~~(g)~~(f) Must not be disqualified by reason of any provision of any other section of this Charter.

Proposed Amendment No. 2

TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 TO CHANGE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER.

ARTICLE IV
CITY MANAGER

§ 2. RESIDENCE OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager must reside in the City of Giddings within ~~90-180~~ days of their appointment.

Proposed Amendment No. 3

TO ADD SECTION 6 TO ARTICLE IV TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY MANAGER.

ARTICLE IV
CITY MANAGER

§ 6. QUALIFICATIONS.

The City Manager shall have the following qualifications:

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- (b) Must be a qualified voter of the State of Texas.
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- (d) Must not have been convicted of a felony.
- (e) Must not be disqualified by reason of any provision of any other section of this Charter.

Proposed Amendment No. 4

TO AMEND ARTICLE V, SECTION 1 TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CITY SECRETARY SERVE AS TAX COLLECTOR IF THE CITY COUNCIL ELECTS TO ASSIGN THIS DUTY BY ORDINANCE.

ARTICLE V
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

§ 1. CITY SECRETARY.

The City Manager, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint a City Secretary. The City Secretary shall:

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- (e) Serve as the election official for all City elections; and
- ~~(f) Serve as Tax Collector, if the City Council, by ordinance, elects to assign this duty; and~~
- ~~(g)(f)~~ Perform such other duties as may be required of him or her by the Charter, the City Council or State Law.

Proposed Amendment No. 5

TO AMEND ARTICLE X, SECTION 14 TO PROVIDE FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (CPA) WHO CONDUCTS THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE CITY.

ARTICLE X
THE BUDGET
§ 14. AUDIT.

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Proposed Amendment No. 6

TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7 TO REMOVE THE POWER OF THE CITY TO REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS TO CONNECT THEIR PREMISES WITH THE CITY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.

ARTICLE VI
GENERAL POWERS

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The City Council shall have the power to provide for an electrical system, and to ~~require property owners to connect their premises with such electrical system; to provide for fixing penalties for failure to make electrical connections; to~~ provide rules and regulations for the collection of charges for use of the electrical system.

Proposed Amendment No. 7

TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2 TO CLARIFY EMINENT DOMAIN AUTHORITY.

ARTICLE VI
GENERAL POWERS

§ 2 EMINENT DOMAIN.

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Proposed Amendment No. 8

TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6 TO REMOVE THE POWER OF THE CITY TO REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS TO CONNECT THEIR PREMISES WITH THE CITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM.

ARTICLE VI
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The City shall have the power to provide for a water and sanitary sewer system, and to ~~require property owners to connect their premises with such water and sewer system; to provide for fixing penalties for failure to make sanitary sewer connections; to~~ provide rules and regulations for the collection of charges for the use of the water and sanitary sewer system.

Proposed Amendment No. 9

TO AMEND ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 TO CLARIFY THE TERM "FISCAL YEAR."

ARTICLE X
THE BUDGET

§ 1 FISCAL YEAR.

The fiscal year of the City shall begin on the first day of October and shall end on the 30th day of September of the ~~next~~ succeeding calendar year. Such fiscal year shall constitute the budget and accounting year.

Proposed Amendment No. 10

TO AMEND ARTICLE XI, SECTION 2 TO CLARIFY CITY COUNCIL PROCEDURE AND TO GIVE CITY COUNCIL THE ABILITY TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE.

ARTICLE XI
LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

§ 2 PROCEDURE.

The Mayor or any three (3) Councilpersons may call special meetings of the City Council at any time deemed advisable, after due notice to all members, including the Mayor. The Council shall by ordinance, determine its own rules and order of business and the rules shall provide that citizens of the City shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting in regard to any matter under consideration. The Council and shall keep a journal of its proceedings in a permanent bound book, and any citizen shall have access to the minutes and records thereof at all

Section 9. Miscellaneous

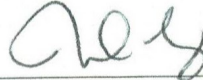
Severability. Should any section or part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, or the application to any person or circumstance thereof ineffective or inapplicable, such unconstitutionality, illegality, invalidity, or ineffectiveness of such section or part shall in no way affect, impair or invalidate the remaining portion or portions thereof; but as to such remaining portion or portions, the same shall be and remain in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 26th day of January, 2026 by a vote of the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas.

THE CITY OF GIDDINGS



Joel Lopez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Andrea Ray, City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 628-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, CANVASS OF RETURNS AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD MAY 02, 2026 IN THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS; AND DECLARING CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENTS ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas called a special election to be held in the City on May 02, 2026 to submit to the resident-qualified electors of the City of Giddings the propositions as submitted by the Charter Committee and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, after said election the Presiding Judge of Lee County holding said election made the returns of the results thereof as follows, and said returns being made according to law, and it being shown that written notice of said election was posted for the time and in the manner provided by law, and all other proceedings pertaining to said election having been shown to have been done and performed at and within the manner provided by law, and all papers pertaining thereto having been returned and filed with the City Secretary and no protest or objection being made to or regarding any matter pertaining to said election; and

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of May 2026, at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas, with at least two council members being present, the meeting was called to order to open, examine, and canvass the official returns of the special election held in the City on the above-mentioned date, for the proposed Charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, propositions B through K were approved by the voters at the special election held for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, proposition A failed to be approved by the voters at the special election held for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 9.005(b) provides that an amendment to a charter does not take effect until the governing body of the municipality enters an order in the records of the municipality declaring that the amendment is adopted; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice of a public meeting held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas, convened into a regular meeting of the City Council on this the 11th , day of May, 2026 for the purpose of entering an order into the records of the City and declaring that the amendments to the City Charter are adopted.

CANVASS OF RETURNS AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS:

Section 1. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein and are adopted by the City Council as part of its legislative findings.

Section 2. It is hereby ordered that the amendments passed and approved by the voters as stated in Propositions B through K are hereby adopted and that the corresponding amending language, with ~~striketroughs~~ being deletions and underlines being additions, is hereby incorporated into the City of Giddings' Charter:

PROPOSITION B

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS TO CHANGE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER.

ARTICLE IV
CITY MANAGER

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PROPOSITION C

AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION 6 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS TO ARTICLE IV TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY MANAGER.

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AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS TO CLARIFY THE TERM "FISCAL YEAR."

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PROPOSITION K

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR COMPETITIVE PURCHASES.

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§ 7 LEASE-PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

The City Council shall have the authority to purchase equipment on a lease-purchase plan and to enter into such contracts as may be necessary for the purchase of such equipment. Such purchase shall be on plans and specifications and competitive bids on all items over ~~fifty-one hundred~~ thousand ~~dollars~~ (\$~~50~~100,000.00). This shall not apply to emergency items.

Section 5. It is further resolved that this canvass and declaration of results of said special election be entered in the Minutes of the City Council and the Election Register and that the City Secretary shall record the Charter amendments adopted by the voters of the City of Giddings in the Office of the City Secretary.

Section 6. This resolution, declaring results of the election, shall become effective immediately after its passage.

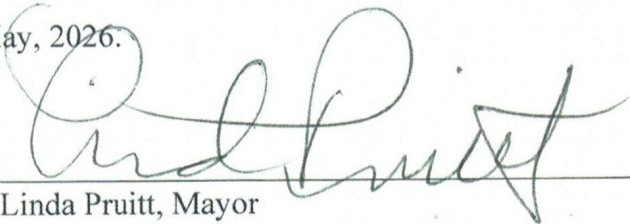
Section 7. All resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provision of this resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein

Section 8. This resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 9. If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 10. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this resolution is adopted was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this resolution, was given, all as required Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

RESOLVED this 11th day of May, 2026.



Linda Pruitt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Andrea Ray, City Secretary



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OFFICIAL RESULTS

Lee County

Mayor City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Linda Pruitt	246	11	143	92
Total Votes Cast	246	11	143	92

City Council City of Giddings

Vote For 2

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Charlie Brown	128	6	64	58
John Dowell	203	7	128	68
Mark D. Muniz	235	10	136	89
Miranda Droemer Hilderbrand	63	2	38	23
Total Votes Cast	629	25	366	238

PROPOSITION A City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	152	4	89	59
No	171	10	95	66
Total Votes Cast	323	14	184	125

PROPOSITION B City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	185	6	110	69
No	146	9	81	56
Total Votes Cast	331	15	191	125

PROPOSITION C City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	274	13	155	106
No	49	0	30	19
Total Votes Cast	323	13	185	125

PROPOSITION D City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	213	6	126	81
No	108	5	60	43
Total Votes Cast	321	11	186	124

PROPOSITION E City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	286	14	162	110
No	38	0	23	15
Total Votes Cast	324	14	185	125

PROPOSITION F City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	186	6	105	75
No	140	7	85	48
Total Votes Cast	326	13	190	123

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PROPOSITION G City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	252	12	150	90
No	70	1	37	32
Total Votes Cast	322	13	187	122

PROPOSITION H City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	183	4	102	77
No	143	9	88	46
Total Votes Cast	326	13	190	123

PROPOSITION I City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	289	14	165	110
No	39	0	25	14
Total Votes Cast	328	14	190	124

PROPOSITION J City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	167	4	101	62
No	159	8	91	60
Total Votes Cast	326	12	192	122

PROPOSITION K City of Giddings

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	192	8	111	73
No	132	5	79	48
Total Votes Cast	324	13	190	121