



Municipal Canvassing Board

- Date:** December 1, 2017
- Subject:** Canvass of Returns from the City of Minneapolis – 2017 Municipal Election – Ward 6
- Recommendation:** Adopting an order which—
1. Certifies the official results of the 2017 Municipal Election – Ward 6 race;
 2. Declares the official winner in the Ward 6 race, indicating the names of each person receiving votes and the number of votes received in that race; and
 3. Directs the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of the official results of the 2017 Municipal (Ward 6) Election to the Hennepin County Auditor and to file and preserve the original returns and all election records for the Ward 6 race in accordance with Minnesota Election Law.

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Background: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 205.185, subd. 3, the governing body of a city conducting an election shall act as the canvassing board for such election. The Minneapolis Canvassing Board convened on November 15, 2017, to canvass and certify results of the 2017 Municipal Election; however, during the seven-day contest period following the canvassing, a discretionary recount was requested for the Ward 6 race by candidate Mohamud Noor, as provided under Minn. Stat. § 204C.36, subd. 2. That recount was conducted November 28, 2017, at which time three precincts were manually recounted (Precincts 6-2, 6-3, and 6-7), per the request of Mr. Noor. The manual recount showed a negligible difference in results from the original (unofficial) results reported November 8, 2017, which is within the accepted deviation under state law. Upon completing the recount in the three precincts identified by Mr. Noor, his attorney, on behalf of Mr. Noor, waived further action to recount the remaining precincts. An affidavit of recount waiver was signed by the attorney for Mr. Noor, the attorney for Mr. Warsame, the Election Recount Official (Assistant City Clerk/Director of Elections & Voter Services), and the Assistant City Attorney acting as legal counsel for the Office of City Clerk/Elections & Voter Services Division (copy attached). The results from the three precincts manually processed as part of the recount, together with the results originally reported for the remaining precincts on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, are hereby submitted for consideration by the Municipal Canvassing Board. If the Canvassing Board finds the results complete, staff requests that they adopt the order which certifies the results as official in the Ward 6 race and other related actions.

A statistical analysis of the Ward 6 race from the 2017 Municipal Election is attached for reference.