

COUNCILORS WHO LOSE MAYORAL ELECTION

Referral from Council: Whether a city councilor who has lost a campaign for mayor [should be permitted to] remain in office after the inauguration of a new mayor.

Action: rely on the will of the voters

Recommendation: that the proposal to remove councilors who lose a mayoral election from service on the council is found to be unnecessary.

Commentary: We do not find that a need to resign to protect against post-election acrimony on the council has been demonstrated. We trust the voters to express their preferences for councilors at the polls and that that is sufficient incentive for councilors to act in the interests of their constituents.