# Report to the Future Melbourne (Finance and Governance) Committee 

Agenda item 6.4

2016 Melbourne City Council Elections: Election Report

21 February 2017
Presenter: Keith Williamson, Manager Governance and Legal

## Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to submit to Council the Election Report (refer Attachment 2) prepared by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) on the October 2016 Melbourne City Council elections.
2. Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act) requires that:
2.1. the Returning Officer must prepare a report to the Chief Executive Officer on the conduct of the election within the period of three months after Election Day
2.2. the report must include a certified record of the number of ballot-papers and declarations printed, issued, used, spoiled and returned
2.3. the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the report is submitted to the Council at the earliest practicable meeting of the Council held after the report is received by the Chief Executive Officer.
3. The report was received by Council on 20 January 2017.

## Key issues

4. The Election Report prepared by the VEC includes detailed information about the role of the Returning Officer, the election office, candidate services, enquiry services, issuing and return of ballot paper, the computer count and declaration of the results, voter participation, the communication campaign and complaints.
5. The participation rate (total number of votes received as a percentage of the total enrolment) was 55.15 per cent for the Leadership Team election and 55.19 per cent for the Councillor election.
6. The informal voting rate was 3.60 per cent for the Leadership Team election and 1.96 per cent for the Councillor election.
7. Following the election, the VEC became aware of an allegation that a candidate in the Councillor election was ineligible to be enrolled on the Melbourne City Council voters' roll. The VEC referred the matter to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate (LGICI), who confirmed the particulars of the allegation and are now prosecuting for offences against the Act.
8. As a result of the LGICI's findings, the Electoral Commissioner made application to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal (Tribunal) for an inquiry into the Councillor election and sought orders that would resolve the defect caused on the election by the inclusion of the ineligible candidate. On 5 December 2016, the Tribunal ordered the candidate was not duly elected and an extraordinary vacancy occurred in accordance with the Act. The Electoral Commissioner subsequently made application to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) on the grounds that the defect on the election had not been resolved by the Tribunal and the process for filling the extraordinary vacancy was not the appropriate response to the election of an ineligible candidate. A directions hearing was held on 19 December 2016 and a substantive hearing has been listed before Justice Garde, the VCAT President, on 21 February 2017.

## Recommendation from management

9. That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the Election Report provided by the Victorian Electoral Commission for the October 2016 Melbourne City Council elections.

## Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment
2. Melbourne City Council Election Report prepared by the Victorian Electoral Commission

## Supporting Attachment

## Legal

1. No legal implications arise from the recommendation contained in this report.

## Finance

2. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

## Conflict of interest

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

## Stakeholder consultation

4. No external consultation has been undertaken as the conduct of the election is governed by legislation.

## Relation to Council policy

5. Pursuant to section $41 \mathrm{~A}(2 \mathrm{~A})$ of the $A c t$, voting at a general election must be conducted by the same means, whether attendance or postal voting, as the previous general election was conducted, unless the Council has decided at least eight months before the election day to change the means of conducting the voting. The 2012 Melbourne City Council elections were held by postal ballot.
6. On 16 February 2016, the proposed program of actions for the conduct of the 2016 Melbourne City Council elections was presented to the Future Melbourne Committee. At this meeting, an amendment to conduct the 2016 Melbourne City Council elections by way of attendance ballot was put and lost.

## Environmental sustainability

7. There is no significant sustainability impact arising from the recommendation in this report.

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## Letter of Transmittal

20 January 2017
Martin Cutter
Acting Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Cutter
Pursuant to clause 14 of Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 1989, I submit this report on the Melbourne City Council general election held in October 2016.

Yours sincerely


Warwick Gately AM
Electoral Commissioner

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## Introduction

The Melbourne City Council general election was held on 22 October 2016 by postal voting.

The election was conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), as the statutory election service provider to Melbourne City Council in accordance with clause 1 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the LG Act).

## About the Victorian Electoral Commission

The VEC is an independent and impartial statutory authority established under the Electoral Act 2002 (the Electoral Act). The VEC conducts Victorian State elections, local government elections, certain statutory elections, commercial and community elections, conducts boundary reviews, electoral representation and subdivision reviews, and maintains the Victorian electoral enrolment register. The VEC's electoral education and research programs work to engage and inform all Victorians who are entitled to enrol and vote in the democratic process.

The Electoral Commissioner is Warwick Gately AM and the Deputy Electoral Commissioner is Liz Williams. The Commissioner reports to the Victorian Parliament in relation to the VEC's activities.

The Commissioner and Deputy are assisted by an Executive Management Group to deliver the functions of the VEC. The Local Government Program Manager, Keegan Bartlett, oversees the VEC's local government electoral activity and chairs the Planning Group, comprised of activity and project leads from across the organisation. The Executive Management and Planning Groups jointly met each weekday morning for the duration of the 2016 local government elections timeline.

## About Melbourne City Council

Melbourne City Council is comprised of the Leadership Team (including the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor) and nine councillors elected from an unsubdivided municipality. The structure was last reviewed through an electoral representation review in 2012.

Melbourne City Council elections are conducted in accordance with the LG Act and the City of Melbourne Act 2001 (the CoM Act).


Figure 1. Map of Melbourne City Council from the general election held on 22 October 2016.

## Key changes

## Changes in legislation

The electoral provisions in the LG Act were amended in 2015 to clarify responsibilities for preparing and conducting local government elections, strengthen provisions in relation to the eligibility of candidates, and consider the powers of the Returning Officer. In July 2016, the Victorian Government also made the new Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2016 (the Regulations) to come into effect in time for the 2016 local government elections.

## Extended postal vote receipt period

The Regulations provided an extended period for postal votes to be received and accepted by the Returning Officer during the week after Election day. This changed the VEC's timeline for completing the counting of ballot papers and the availability of results for all contested elections.

## Introduction of the candidate questionnaire

The Regulations also introduced a set of prescribed questions that candidates were invited to answer through the candidate questionnaire. For Melbourne City Council elections, answers to the candidate questionnaire were required to be lodged by 12 noon on 26 September 2016.

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## Election timeline

Deadline fixed by the Registrar for council primary enrolment data ..... Wednesday 8 June 2016
Entitlement date 4.00 pm on Friday 26 August 2016
Opening of the election office to the public

$\qquad$
Wednesday 14 September 2016
Certification of the voters' roll and opening of nominations Thursday 15 September 2016
Close of nominations 12 noon on Tuesday 20 September 2016
Deadline for registering a team name (Leadership Team election), and a group and group name (Councillor election) 12 noon on Thursday 22 September 2016
Ballot drawsFrom 1.00 pm on Thursday 22 September 2016
Deadline for lodging candidate or team/group statements and photographs, group voting tickets or indications of preferences and candidate questionnaires 12 noon on Monday 26 September 2016
General mail out of ballot packs to voters Tuesday 4 October - Thursday 6 October 2016
Close of voting 6.00 pm on Friday 21 October 2016
Election day Saturday 22 October 2016
Close of the extended postal vote receipt period 12 noon on Friday 28 October 2016
Declaration of the election 10.00 am on Monday 30 October 2016

## Voters' roll

Melbourne City Council prepared the roll in accordance with the CoM Act. The VEC provided a list of those enrolled within the City of Melbourne under the Electoral Act to be enrolled without application in accordance with sections 9A(1) and 11 of the CoM Act. The VEC was also available to provide assistance to Melbourne City Council to compile the voters' roll.

Pursuant to section 11D(5)(a) of the CoM Act, the Registrar-the Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne City Council-certified the voters' roll on 15 September 2016.

The certified voters' roll for the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election included 133,801 enrolled voters.

## Composition of the roll

The LG Act specifies that the voters' roll for a local government election is formed by combining two separate lists of voters:

1. The Victorian Electoral Commissioner's (EC's) List of State electors.
The EC's List made up 40.95 percent of the Melbourne City Council voters' roll.
2. The Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) List of council-entitled voters.
The CEO's List made up 59.05 percent of the Melbourne City Council voters' roll.

Refer to Appendix 1 for a further breakdown of the Melbourne City Council general election voters' roll.

## Amendments to the voters' roll

In accordance with section 11E of the CoM Act, Melbourne City Council was able to amend any error in the preparation, printing or copying of the voters' roll, or correct any misnomer or inaccurate description of any person, place or thing on the voters' roll. If the amendment relates to an EC's List voter, the Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne City Council was required to obtain the VEC's approval.

The Registrar made 1,776 amendments to the Melbourne City Council voters' roll.

## Advertising and communication

## Advertising

The VEC published a series of statutory notices in relation to the Melbourne City Council general election. These notices were required by the LG Act and the CoM Act and contained critical information relevant to each point of the election timeline. Refer to Appendix 2 for further information in relation to the statutory advertising.

A statewide advertising campaign complemented the statutory advertising. The campaign concentrated on maximising the promotion of local government elections across the key areas of enrolment and voting. Coverage included major metropolitan and regional newspapers, metropolitan and regional radio, ethnic print and radio media, and social media.

The VEC also ran interactive advertisements on Facebook. These advertisements targeted geographic areas as well as demographic segments of the population that typically have low participation rates. In addition, Google search advertising was used to direct enquiries to VEC information online.

## Accommodating voters with special needs

The VEC worked with a number of partners to provide suitable communication services for blind and low vision voters, voters with disability, voters experiencing homelessness, and culturally and linguistically diverse voters.

## Blind and low vision services

The VEC worked with Vision Australia and Blind Citizens Australia to provide election information to blind and low vision voters. This included making large print and audio files available for download, 'BrowseAloud' functionality of the VEC website, and assisted reading equipment at all attendance election offices and the Melbourne City Council election office. Braille and large print ballot material was also available on request.

## Interpreting services

In addition to in-language information presented through ethnic print and radio media as part of the statewide advertising campaign, the VEC engaged the Victorian Interpreting and Language Services' Language Link to provide a telephone interpreting service for multi-language telephone enquiries. The VEC advertised direct lines for 20 languages other
than English and a general line for all other languages.

## Media liaison

The VEC's media liaison program principally featured staged media releases aimed to highlight key milestones during the election timetable and capitalise on existing general news coverage. More information on the VEC's media release schedule is available at Appendix 3.

Two media briefing sessions were held for media outlets from across Victoria; an in-person media briefing was held on 1 August 2016 and an online webinar media briefing was held on 3 August 2016. The webinar was also accessible to council officers and could be downloaded or accessed at a later time for those who were unable to participate live. The media briefing summarised the planning and timeline for the 2016 local government elections, and also provided a specific update in relation to the availability of election results in light of the extended postal vote receipt period introduced to the Regulations.

Media outlets were provided with a media information booklet that outlined the election timeline and key messages, and provided the VEC's head office media contacts. The VEC's communication team supported each Returning Officer as the primary media spokesperson in relation to each election.

## Telephone enquiry service

The VEC operated a local telephone enquiry service at the election office from 5 September 2016 until the close of voting at 6.00 pm on 21 October 2016. The types of calls related to:

- voting entitlements and obligations
- enrolment questions
- ballot pack had not been received
- ballot material was spoilt or destroyed, so replacement ballot material was required
- a voter advising that he or she was overseas or interstate, and
- queries regarding the content of the ballot pack.

The telephone enquiry service was supplemented by an overflow call centre at the VEC's head office. The overflow call centre received calls made directly to the VEC's head office line (131 VEC or 131832 ) and diverted calls from the election office when the lines were at capacity.

A breakdown of the daily number of calls received by the telephone enquiry service and the overflow call centre in respect to the Melbourne City Council general election is available at Appendix 4.

## Returning Officer

The VEC maintains a pool of trained senior election officials located across the State to fill election management roles that occur for State and local government elections. Additional election-specific training is provided to relevant senior election officials prior to each election management appointment.

In accordance with section 3 of the LG Act, the Electoral Commissioner appointed Bill Lang as the Returning Officer for the Melbourne City Council general election. The Electoral Commissioner also appointed Andrew Clark, Jill Esplan, and Jane Kyle to assist Mr Lang as Deputy Returning Officers.

## Election office

The Returning Officer established an election office on the Ground Floor, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building, 120 Swanston Street, Melbourne. The election office was provided by the Council and provided to the VEC under licence.

The election office was open to the public from 14 September 2016 until 21 October 2016. The election office was open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm weekdays, except on public holidays. Opening hours were extended on 20 October 2016 (9.00 am to 8.00 pm ) and 21 October 2016 ( 9.00 am to 6.00 pm ) to allow for last minute voting enquiries.

## Candidates

Nominations for the election opened at 9.00 am on 15 September 2016 and closed at 12 noon on 20 September 2016. Nomination forms were required to be lodged by candidates in person at the election office. A \$250 nomination fee applied.

## Information for candidates

Candidates were able to access the VEC's information about the process of nominating and becoming a candidate for the election from 8 August 2016, when the VEC's Candidate Handbook was published online. From early September, candidates were able to access a candidate information kit, which included the Candidate Handbook, as well as a number of other relevant forms and documents.

The Returning Officer conducted two information sessions. Approximately 25 people attended the sessions. The presentation at the sessions summarised critical aspects of the Candidate Handbook and the election timeline.

## Candidates in the election

## Leadership Team election

Candidates for Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor were required to lodge their nomination jointly as a pair, with one candidate nominating as the Lord Mayor candidate and the other candidate nominating as the Deputy Lord Mayor candidate.

The election involved seven pairs (14 individual candidates) running to be elected as the Melbourne City Council Leadership Team. All pairs registered a team name and an indication of preferences.

The ballot draw to determine the order that pairs would appear on the ballot paper was held shortly after the close of team name registration on 22 September 2016. The final list of candidates, in ballot paper order, is provided at Appendix 5. Further information about the candidates, including their team statements and photographs (where lodged), is available at Appendix 6.

## Councillor election

Candidates for the Councillor election were required to nominate individually, but may make a joint request with one or more other candidates for their names to be grouped together on the ballot paper by registering as a group after they have each lodged their nomination.

The election involved 44 candidates for the Councillor election. Forty-one candidates subsequently registered in groups and three candidates were ungrouped for the election. There were 14 registered groups for the Councillor election, and all groups registered a group name and a group voting ticket.

One nomination was lodged and then withdrawn during the nomination period, and so is not counted in the tallies provided in this report.

The ballot draw to determine the order that groups were to appear above-the-line and the order that ungrouped candidates were to appear below-theline for the Councillor election was held shortly after the close of group and group name registration on 22 September 2016. The final list of groups and candidates, in ballot paper order, is provided at Appendix 7. Further information about the groups and candidates, including their group or candidate
statements and photographs, and group voting tickets or indications of preferences, is available at Appendix 8.

## Candidate questionnaire

In addition to a statement and photograph, candidates were able to lodge their answers to a set of prescribed questions in accordance with the Regulations. The Returning Officer accepted questionnaire submissions lodged by 13 of the 14 individual candidates in the Leadership Team election and 38 of the 44 candidates in the Councillor election.

Voters could access candidates' answers to the candidate questionnaire through the VEC website, or by requesting a hardcopy from the Returning Officer.

## Voting

## Early votes

The Returning Officer may issue an early vote upon request by an enrolled voter if the request is reasonable. Requests for early votes could be processed from 21 September 2016, the day after nominations closed, until the general mail out. Due to the timing for early votes, some early voters may not have had access to the candidates' statements, photographs, or candidate questionnaires.

The Returning Officer issued 103 early votes.

## General mail out

The VEC mailed out ballot packs between 4 October 2016 and 6 October 2016. This included 26 ballot packs that were redirected to alternative addresses by voters that had applied to redirect their ballot pack before 15 September 2016.

In accordance with the Regulations, no more than 35 percent of ballot packs were mailed out on any one day during the mail out period. All ballot packs were mailed out using Australia Post's priority paid service.

Refer to Appendix 9 for a daily breakdown of the ballot packs mailed out on each day during the general mail out.

Following the general mail out, the Returning Officer also issued 3,114 replacement ballot packs to enrolled voters that advised they had not received, destroyed, or spoilt their general mail out ballot pack.

## Unenrolled declaration votes

Unenrolled declaration votes were issued to persons that did not receive a ballot pack and whose name could not be found on the voters' roll and who believed that they were entitled to be enrolled for the election. The unenrolled ballot pack includes a declaration that was required to be completed by the person to be assessed by the Returning Officer prior to admitting the ballot pack for counting.

The Returning Officer issued 62 unenrolled declaration votes and 15 were admitted to the count.

## Return of ballot paper envelopes

Completed ballot paper envelopes returned inside the reply-paid envelopes were returned using Australia Post's priority paid service. The VEC's arrangements with Australia Post allowed returned mail to be pre-sorted and could be collected by the Returning Officer or delivered to the election office from a nearby postal facility or distribution centre.

The Returning Officer received 51,353 returned ballot paper envelopes through the post by the close of voting at 6.00 pm on 21 October 2016.

For the 2016 local government elections, the Regulations allowed for the Returning Officer to admit returned ballot paper envelopes received by post before 12 noon on 28 October 2016 if satisfied that the vote had been posted prior to the close of voting. The Returning Officer received 23,605 returned ballot paper envelopes during the extended postal vote receipt period.

In total, the Returning Officer admitted 74,218 ballot paper envelopes to the extraction and counting process. Any ballot paper envelopes not signed by the voter or, in the case of unenrolled declaration votes, where an entitlement was not found for the person, were set aside and not admitted to the extraction and count.

By the close of voting, 2,572 ballot packs had been returned to the Returning Officer as return-tosender mail. Most of this mail was due to the addressee having left the address.

## Results

## Extraction

Following the close of voting, the extraction of ballot papers occurred at beginning on 22 October 2016
at the Agricultural Hall, Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale. Following the close of the extended postal vote receipt period, the Returning Officer completed the extraction for all admitted ballot paper envelopes at the election office on 28 October 2016.

The extraction process involved separating the declaration flaps containing the voter's details from each admitted ballot paper envelope, and then extracting the contents from the envelopes. This two-stage process maintains anonymity and ensures the number of envelopes is tracked for ongoing reconciliation.

Any returned ballot paper envelopes found not to contain a regulation ballot paper or contained more than one ballot paper for each election were required to be rejected and could not be counted. There were 369 returned ballot paper envelopes rejected during the extraction activity.

Following the extraction of ballot papers from the returned ballot paper envelopes, a total of 73,795 Leadership Team election ballot papers and 73,849 Councillor election ballot papers were submitted for counting.

## ATL sort for the Councillor election

After extracting the ballot papers from the ballot paper envelopes, counting teams completed a manual sort of the ballot papers for the Councillor election to their respect above-the-line groups. Any ballot papers below-the-line or potentially informal ballot papers were set aside to proceed to the computer count or for a determination in respect to their formality.

## Computer count

Ballot papers for the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election were counted by computer using the VEC's computer counting application in the Expo Hall 03, Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale. Prior to the counting period, the Returning Officer held an information session on the computer count process for candidates (and their scrutineers) at 7.00 pm on 20 October 2016 at Council Meeting Room, Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building, 120 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

All formal ballot papers for the Leadership Team election were data entered into the computer counting application. For the Councillor election, only ballot papers marked below-the-line were data entered, and tallies of above-the-line votes for each
group and the number of informal ballot papers were recorded and added to the application.

Following the completion of data entry, the provisional results were calculated at 5.00 pm on 29 October 2016 at election office. The provisional results were published to the VEC website as they became available. For a breakdown of the results, refer to Appendix 10.

## Declaration of results

The results of the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election were declared at 10.00 am on 30 October 2016 at Melbourne Town Hall, Administration Building, 120 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

The VEC website was updated following the declaration to reflect the elected candidates from the election.

## Election statistics

## Turnout

As a percentage of the total enrolment for the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election, the number of ballot papers counted (formal and informal for the Councillor election) was 55.19 percent. This is compared with an average turnout of 75.67 percent for all postal elections across the State at the 2016 local government elections (excluding Melbourne City Council). Melbourne City Council recorded a turnout of 59.98 percent at its last general election in October 2012.

Refer to Appendix 11 for further information on turnout, including a breakdown by enrolment category.

## Informality

The informal vote recorded at the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election was 2.78 percent across both the Leadership Team and Councillor elections, compared with 6.06 percent for all postal elections across the State at the 2016 local government elections (excluding Melbourne City Council). Melbourne City Council recorded an informal rate of 3.26 percent at its last general election in October 2012.

## Complaints

## Type of Complaints

At local government elections, complaints generally fall into two broad categories:

1. The conduct of participants in the election.

Complaints about the conduct of candidates and other participants in the election, at times alleging a breach of the LG Act or local laws.

## 2. The administration of the election.

Complaints about the conduct of the election and services to voters.

The majority of complaints at the 2016 local government elections were related to category one, often where the complainant alleged inappropriate or illegal action by another person or group associated with the election.

## Complaints process

The VEC operated a streamlined complaints process that had been developed in consultation with local councils and enforcement agencies. The process required complaints to be lodged, in writing, and was processed through the VEC's head office in Melbourne.

Each complaint was evaluated and an appropriate course of action was determined. Complaints alleging a breach of the LG Act, for example, were forwarded to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate (the Inspectorate). Complaints about the VEC's services or the behaviour or actions of VEC staff and election officials were the responsibility of the VEC. In these cases, the VEC investigated the matter and determined the most appropriate response.

## Complaints received

The VEC received 20 written complaints in relation to the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election. Of these complaints 16 related to the administration of the election, one related to the conduct of a participant in the election and three related to a possible breach of the LG Act.

## Issue relating to candidate's entitlement

Following the election, the VEC became aware of an allegation that a candidate in the Councillor election was ineligible to be enrolled on the voters' roll for the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election. The VEC referred the allegation to the

Inspectorate and, because the candidate's claimed enrolment entitlement was administered by the Council, to the Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne City Council. The Inspectorate has subsequently confirmed the particulars of the allegation and is now prosecuting for offences against the LG Act.

## Post-election activities

## Storage of election material

All records from the election are required to be kept by the VEC safely and secretly in accordance with Regulation 117 of the Regulations.

## Refund of nomination fee

Nomination fees were refunded to eligible candidates in December 2016. Eligible candidates included those who were elected or who received at least four percent of the first preference vote. Any forfeited nomination fees were remitted to Melbourne City Council in December 2016.

## Courts and tribunals

As a result of the Inspectorate confirming that a candidate in the Councillor election was ineligible to be enrolled, the Electoral Commissioner made an application to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal (the Tribunal) for an inquiry into the Councillor election. The Electoral Commissioner sought orders that would resolve the defect caused on the election by the inclusion of the ineligible candidate.

The VEC appeared before the Tribunal at a directions hearing on 5 December 2016. On that day, the Tribunal accepted the VEC's submission that the candidate was ineligible and, as the candidate had been declared elected by the Returning Officer, the Tribunal ordered the candidate was not duly elected. The Tribunal made no other determination to assist with the filling of the vacancy and so an extraordinary vacancy occurred in accordance with the LG Act.

Following the Tribunal's decision, the Electoral Commissioner made an application to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (the VCAT) for a review of the decision made by the Tribunal. The grounds for the Electoral Commissioner's application for a review were that the defect on the election had not been resolved by the Tribunal's original decision and the process for filling the extraordinary vacancy was not the appropriate response to the election of an ineligible candidate.

The VEC, and other parties with an interest in the VEC's application, appeared before a Senior Member of the VCAT at a directions hearing on 19 December 2016. A substantive hearing has been listed before Justice Garde, the VCAT President, on 21 February 2017.

## Non-voter follow up

In accordance with Division 7 of Part 3 of the LG Act, the VEC has commenced its compulsory voting enforcement following the 2016 local government elections. Any person who was required to vote at the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election and failed to vote will be issued with an apparent failure-to-vote notice. A person who does not respond to that notice or does not provide a satisfactory response to the notice may be fined.

Following the conclusion of the notices, the VEC will lodge the file of any remaining non-voters with the Infringements Court. A non-voter who is issued with a notice may also request for the matter to proceed directly to court.

## Evaluating the VEC's services

The VEC is committed to providing high quality election services to its local government clients. Through the VEC's formal feedback and debriefing program, the VEC is able to gauge its performance and seek advice for future local government election projects.

## Feedback from Melbourne City Council

Through its contact officer at Melbourne City Council, the VEC has invited feedback on its services. Further feedback may also be provided to the Local Government Program Manager by emailing LGProgram@vec.vic.gov.au.

## Internal debriefing activity

The VEC has commenced its internal debriefing activity following the 2016 local government elections.

In due course, the VEC will publish a consolidated report on its performance and key statistics from the elections. A copy of this report will be forwarded to Melbourne City Council.

## Schedule 1: Record of ballot papers

## Melbourne City Council election

| Ballot papers printed for each election |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Victorian Electoral Commission |  | 160,000 |
| Returning Officer |  | 90 |
|  | Total | 160,090 |
| Ballot papers issued for each election |  |  |
| General mail out |  | 132,721 |
| Replacement votes |  | 3,217 |
| Unenrolled declaration voters |  | 62 |
| Spoilt |  | Not applicable |
| Unused |  | 24,090 |
|  | Total | 160,090 |
| Declarations returned |  |  |
| General mail out admitted to the count |  | 71,953 |
| Replacement votes admitted to the count |  | 2,250 |
| Unenrolled declaration voters admitted to the count |  | 15 |
| Returned declarations unable to admit to count |  | 740 |
|  | Total | 74,958 |

## Schedule 2: Certification statement

I certify that Schedule 1 of this report on the conduct of the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election is a true and correct account of the number of ballot papers issued, returned and not used in this election.


Warwick Gately AM
Electoral Commissioner

## Appendix 1: Breakdown of the voters' roll

## Melbourne City Council

Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 9A(1) of the CoM Act

Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 9A(3), 9B, 9C and 9D of the CoM Act

## Appendix 2: Public notices

Schedule of public notices

## Melbourne City Council election

| Notice of entitlement (see Appendix 2.1 for example) |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Herald Sun | 7 August 2016 |
| Moonee Valley Leader | 10 August 2016 |
| Southbank News | 10 August 2016 |
| The Age | 6 August 2016 |
| The Weekly Review City | 11 August 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Melbourne Times | 10 August 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Moonee Valley | 10 August 2016 |

Notice of election (see Appendix 2.2 for example)

| Docklands News | 31 August 2016 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Herald Sun | 28 August 2016 |
| Moonee Valley Leader | 31 August 2016 |
| Southbank News | 7 September 2016 |
| The Age | 3 September 2016 |
| The Weekly Review City | 1 September 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Melbourne Times | 31 August 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Moonee Valley | 31 August 2016 |


| Voting details notice (see Appendix 2.3 for example) |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Docklands News | 28 September 2016 |
| Herald Sun | 2 October 2016 |
| Moonee Valley Leader | 28 September 2016 |
| Southbank News | 5 October 2016 |
| The Age | 1 October 2016 |
| The Weekly Review City | 29 September 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Melbourne Times | 28 September 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Moonee Valley | 28 September 2016 |


| Reminder notice (see Appendix 2.4 for example) |  |
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| Herald Sun | 16 October 2016 |
| Moonee Valley Leader | 19 October 2016 |
| The Age | 15 October 2016 |
| The Weekly Review City | 20 October 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Melbourne Times | 19 October 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Moonee Valley | 19 October 2016 |


| Notice of results (see Appendix 2.5 for example) |  |
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| Herald Sun | 20 November 2016 |
| Moonee Valley Leader | 16 November 2016 |
| Southbank News | 9 November 2016 |
| The Age | 19 November 2016 |
| The Weekly Review City | 17 November 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Melbourne Times | 16 November 2016 |
| The Weekly Review Moonee Valley | 16 November 2016 |

## Melbourne City Council elections Your Melbourne, Your Vote <br> CITY OF MELBOURNE

## You must be enrolled to vote

Elections will be held for Melbourne City Council in October 2016. You must be on the voters roll by 4.00 pm on Friday 26 August 2016 to be eligible to vote.

## Am I correctly enrolled to vote?

You are already enrolled if you are 18 years or older on 22 October 2016 and:

- you live in the City of Melbourne and are on the State electoral roll for your present address or
- you own or occupy property in the City of Melbourne but don't live in the council area, and you are the first or second-named person on the Council's property records or
- you were appointed as a corporation voting representative in the 2012 elections and still hold the position of company secretary or director of a corporation that owns or occupies rateable property.
You need to enrol if you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 22 October 2016, living in the City of Melbourne, and you are not on the State electoral roll.
You need to update your enrolment if you are already enrolled but have changed your address.

You must enrol or update your enrolment by 4.00 pm on Friday 26 August.

## How do I enrol?

Enrol online at vec.vic.gov.au, or pick up an enrolment form at any post office or Australian Electoral Commission office and return it by 4.00 pm on Friday 26 August.
You may also apply directly to Council to enrol if you are 18 years or older on 22 October 2016 and:

- you are a new owner or business occupier of a rateable property in the City of Melbourne or
- you own or occupy rateable property in the City of Melbourne and reside in the council area, but are not on the State electoral roll (includes non-Australian citizens) or
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation (or hold an equivalent position in an Association) that owns or occupies rateable property solely or jointly within the council area*.
* If a corporation that solely owns or occupies rateable property in the City of Melbourne does not validly appoint two voting representatives by 4.00 pm on Friday 26 August, the Coundil is required by law to enrol the first two of the following (to be taken in alphabetical order) - the company secretaries of the corporation
- the directors of the corporation.

If you meet any of these Council enrolment criteria and wish to enrol, contact Melbourne City Council on 1300735427 (+61 396589318 from overseas) or visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/elections for a council enrolment form.

## How do I check my enrolment?

You can check your enrolment details online at melbourne.vic.gov.au/elections or call 1300735427 (+61 396589318 from overseas).

## Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for everyone under the age of 70 who is enrolled in the Melbourne City Council elections, including non-Australian citizens and corporation voting representatives.

This notice is published by the Victorian Electoral Commission on behalf of the Registrar for the Melbourne City Council voters roll.

## Enrol before 4.00 pm Friday 26 August 2016

## Register for SMS and email alerts at vec.vic.gov.au



For enquiries in languages other than English call our interpreting service:

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Appendix 2.2: Notice of election for Melbourne City Council

## Melbourne City Council elections Your Melbourne, Your Vote

Two simultaneous elections will be held for Melbourne City Council this October-one to elect the Leadership Team (Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor) and the other to elect nine councillors.

## Voting

Ballot packs will be mailed to enrolled voters from Tuesday 4 October 2016. Your completed ballot material must be in the mail or hand delivered to the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday 21 October 2016.


## If you will be away

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Friday 26 August, your ballot pack can be redirected by writing to:

Returning Officer
Melbourne City Council elections
C/- Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
Alternatively, you can fax your request to (03) 96201568 or scan and email it to redirections@vec.vic.gov.au.
Please include the address for redirection. Each voter requesting redirection must sign their request. Requests for redirection must be received by Thursday 15 September.

## Large print and braille ballot papers

Large print or braille ballot papers are available for voters with low vision who register by Tuesday 13 September. To register, call (03) 86201122 during business hours.

## How to nominate as a candidate

The nomination form, together with a $\$ 250$ nomination fee, must be lodged in person with the Returning Officer during business hours from Thursday 15 September until 12 noon on Tuesday 20 September at:

Ground Floor, Town Hall Administration Building
120 Swanston Street, Melbourne
Candidates for the Leadership Team must nominate in pairs. Candidates nominating for a councillor position must nominate as individuals, but can request to be grouped with other candidates under a group name.
To help reduce waiting time while applications are processed, prospective candidates can visit vec.vic.gov.au and pre-complete the nomination form using the Candidate Helper. Print your pre-completed form, sign it and lodge it with the Returning Officer along with the $\$ 250$ nomination fee.
Call the Returning Officer from Monday 5 September on (03) 86191691 to make a nomination appointment.

## Candidate information sessions

When: $\quad 7.00 \mathrm{pm}$ Monday 12 September \& 1.00 pm Wednesday 14 September

Where: Melbourne Town Hall
Administration Building
120 Swanston Street
Melbourne
Candidate Information Kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available at these sessions.
Bill Lang, Returning Officer

## Nominations close 12 noon Tuesday 20 September



For enquiries in languages other than English call our Interpreting service:


 - All other non-Engllish languages 92090112
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Appendix 2.3: Voting details notice for Melbourne City Council

## Melbourne city Council elections CITY OF Your Melbourne, Your Vote

## Check the mail for your ballot pack

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This is a postal election.
If you do not receive your ballot pack by Wednesday 12 October please call (03) 86191691 during business hours to arrange an alternative.

## Candidates

Candidates who have nominated to stand for election will be listed in the ballot pack and at vec.vic.gov.au. Where provided, information about the candidates will also be included.
Answers to a candidate questionnaire, where provided, will also be available at vec.vic.gov.au.

## How to vote correctly for both elections

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## Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor

Put the number $\mathbf{1}$ in the box next to the team you most want to see elected, then number ALL the other boxes in order of your preference. You must number EVERY BOX and only use each number once.

## Councillors

You can vote in one of two ways for the nine councillors. Either vote for a group by putting the number $\mathbf{1}$ in just one of the boxes above-the-line.
Or vote for individual candidates by numbering ALL the boxes below-the-line in order of your preference. You must number EVERY BOX and only use each number once.

## How to return your ballot material

Post your completed ballot material using the reply-paid envelope provided, or hand-deliver it during office hours to the election office at:
Ground Floor
Town Hall Administration Building
120 Swanston Street
Melbourne

## Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for everyone under the age of 70 who is enrolled in the Melbourne City Council elections, including non-Australian citizens and corporation voting representatives.
If you don't vote without a valid excuse you will be fined.

## Bill lang

Returning Officer
Ground Floor, Town Hall Administration Building 120 Swanston Street, Melbourne
Tel: (03) 86191691 for general enquiries Office hours:
$9.00 \mathrm{am}-5.00 \mathrm{pm}$ weekdays until Wednesday 19 October $9.00 \mathrm{am}-8.00 \mathrm{pm}$ Thursday 20 October 9.00 am - 6.00 pm Friday 21 October

## Your completed ballot material must be in the mail or hand-delivered by 6.00 pm Friday 21 October

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Appendix 2.5: Notice of results for Melbourne City Council

# Melbourne City Council elections Declaration of results 

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The following candidates were elected at the 2016 Melbourne City Council general
elections:
Leadership Team
Lord Mayor
DOYLE, Robert
Deputy Lord Mayor
WOOD, Arron
Councillors
LOUEY, Kevin (1st elected)
LEPPERT, Rohan (2nd elected)
REECE, Nicholas (3rd elected)
SULLIVAN, Tessa (4th elected)
OKE, Cathy (5th elected)
WANDIN, Brooke (6th elected)
WATTS, Jackie (7th elected)
CAIAFA, Michael (8th elected)
LIU, Philip Le (9th elected)
Further details about the results are available at vec.vic.gov.au
Bill Lang
Returning Officer
Monday }31\mathrm{ October 2016
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## Victorian Electoral Commission $/ / E C$

## Appendix 3: Schedule of media releases and advisories

| Melbourne City Council election-specific media releases and advisories |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Enrol to vote in the 2016 Melbourne City Council elections | 8 August 2016 |
| Last chance to enrol for the 2016 Melbourne City Council elections | 22 August 2016 |
| Call for candidates for the upcoming Melbourne City Council elections | 5 September 2016 |
| Ballot packs mailed this week for Melbourne City Council elections | 3 October 2016 |
| Voting closes soon for the Melbourne City Council elections | 17 October 2016 |
| Results information and invitation to the media: Melbourne City Council (media advisory, not for publication) | 24 October 2016 |
| Statewide media releases and advisories |  |
| Victorians urged to enrol for upcoming council elections | 8 August 2016 |
| Ground breaking app gives voters with a disability a voice | 9 August 2016 |
| Older Australians urged to update enrolment for council elections | 10 August 2016 |
| How young people can have their say in the upcoming council elections | 10 August 2016 |
| Last chance to enrol for Victorian council elections | 22 August 2016 |
| Enrolment closes tomorrow for October's council elections | 24 August 2016 |
| Nominations open soon for Victorian local council elections | 5 September 2016 |
| Accessing candidate information for the 2016 Victorian local council elections | 15 September 2016 |
| Nominations are in for the October council elections | 20 September 2016 |
| Voting deadline this week | 17 October 2016 |
| Results timeline for Victorian local council elections (media advisory, not for publication) | 19 October 2016 |

## Appendix 4: Daily telephone enquiries

The following graph shows the number of telephone calls recorded by the election office telephone enquiry service as well as those received by the VEC's overflow call centre and tagged as relating to Melbourne City Council during the 2016 local government elections.


## Appendix 5: List of candidates in the Leadership Team election

## Melbourne City Council election

## Leadership Team election

- TEAM DOYLE
o DOYLE, Robert (Lord Mayor candidate)
o WOOD, Arron (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate)
- TOGETHER MELBOURNE
o ONG, Ken (Lord Mayor candidate)
o MORPHET, Sue (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate)
- TEAM MORGAN - A CITY THAT WORKS
o MORGAN, Gary (Lord Mayor candidate)
o O'BRIEN, Michael (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate)
- THE GREENS
o BALL, Olivia (Lord Mayor candidate)
o INGLETON, Roxane (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate)
- STRENGTHENING MELBOURNE
o HUNT, Ron (Lord Mayor candidate)
o CLIFTON, Doone (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate)
- THE LIGHT ON THE HILL TEAM
o VAN DER CRAATS, Anthony (Lord Mayor candidate)
o HAN, Yunli (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate)
- PHIL CLEARY MEANS BUSINESS
o CLEARY, Phil (Lord Mayor candidate)
o SU, Junxi (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate)
Appendix 6: Leadership Team candidate information





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## Appendix 7: List of groups and candidates in the Councillor election

## Melbourne City Council election

## Councillor election

- MARCUS FIELDING - SERVING MELBOURNE WITH INTEGRITY
o FIELDING, Marcus ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o WILSON, Sallyann ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
- MELBURNIAN VOICE
o SARRAF, Joseph ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o ZVERINA, Miroslav ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
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o LIU, Philip Le ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o PENNA, Tony ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
o YERONDAIS, Barbara ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ candidate in the group)
o POON, Alice ( $4^{\text {th }}$ candidate in the group)
- ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY
o POON, Bruce ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o CREEDY, Fiona ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
- LISTENING TO LOCALS
o FOSTER, Richard ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o WALSH, Bridie (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
- AN INDIGENOUS VOICE ON COUNCIL
o WANDIN, Brooke ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o FRANCES GILLEY, Nicolas ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
- THE HERITAGE AGENDA
o FORD, Adam Munro ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o DOWNING, Luke ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
- STEPHEN MAYNE: TRANSPARENCY, INDEPENDENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, EXPERIENCE
o MAYNE, Stephen ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o MAXWELL, Johanna ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
- THE GREENS
o LEPPERT, Rohan ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o OKE, Cathy ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
o SABARATNAM, Apsara ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ candidate in the group)
o PITTS, Jenny ( $4^{\text {th }}$ candidate in the group)
o CURNOW, Ben ( $5^{\text {th }}$ candidate in the group)
- TEMA MORGAN - A CITY THAT WORKS
o WATTS, Jacki ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o KENNEDY, Michael ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
o FLEMING, Farida ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ candidate in the group)
- THE LIGHT ON THE HILL TEAM
o WARD, Jim ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o SIZENKO, Sergey ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
- TEAM DOYLE
o LOUEY, Kevin ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o REECE, Nicholas ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
o SULLIVAN, Tessa ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ candidate in the group)
o RILEY, Susan ( $4^{\text {th }}$ candidate in the group)
o PINDER-MORTIMER, Beverley ( $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ candidate in the group)
o STANLEY, Sue ( $6^{\text {th }}$ candidate in the group)
o WEI, Hope ( $7^{\text {th }}$ candidate in the group)
- PHIL CLEARY MEANS BUSINESS
o CAIAFA, Michael ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o VALE, Suzanne ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
o SAGGIO, Sebastian ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ candidate in the group)
- STRENGTHENING MELBOURNE
o MATTHEWS, Robin ( $1^{\text {st }}$ candidate in the group)
o CHAU, Wesa ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ candidate in the group)
o SMITH, Roger (3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ candidate in the group)
- JAMES, Luke (ungrouped candidate)
- PRINGLE, Neil (ungrouped candidate)
- LI, Jing (ungrouped candidate)
Melbourne City Council
Appendix 8: Councillor election group and candidate information

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|  | 2016 Melbourne City Council Elections |
|  | Election of 9 Councillors |
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| ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY <br> The Animal Justice Party is running on a platform of improved companion animal management, an end to horse-drawn carriages on city streets and fairer rates for residents and business. Currently there are too many companion dogs and cats killed every year in our pounds and Melbourne has the third highest number of cruelty reports of any municipality in Victoria. We will move to crack down on animal cruelty and minimise the killing of companion animals. We must also have greater transparency and access to information about our pound services and the animals within them. We will work to make sure the City of Melbourne becomes a pet friendly community where all pets are safe and all carers have the support they need, including increased off-lead parks and no discrimination against renters with companion animals. Melbourne's horse-drawn carriage trade is cruel, unnecessary and dangerous, resulting in frequent incidents and injuries of horses, pedestrians and cyclists. options. Ind to ban this street trade and promote the city's many cruelty-free entertainment have their use of our land subsidised. Nor should empty sites be land banked for decades. By charging for fair use of our land, rates for residents and businesses can be reduced. The Animal Justice Party aims to represent animals in council and parliament to ensure laws and policies are implemented and enforced to achieve genuine justice for animals. Our values are kindness, non-violence, rationality and equality. |
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## Appendix 9: Daily breakdown of the general mail out

| Melbourne City Council election |  |  |  |
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| 4 October 2016 | 5 October 2016 | 6 October 2016 | Total |
| 45,125 | 45,125 | 42,471 | 132,721 |

## Appendix 10: Result information

| Melbourne City Council election |  |  |
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| Leadership Team election |  |  |
| Enrolment: 133,801 |  |  |
| Formal votes: 71,137 |  |  |
| Informal votes: 2,658 (3.60\% of the tota | apers) |  |
| Voter turnout: 73,795 (55.15\% of the to | Iment) |  |
| Teams (in ballot paper order) | First preference votes | Percentage |
| TEAM DOYLE <br> - DOYLE, Robert (Lord Mayor candidate) <br> - WOOD, Arron (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate) | 31,743 | 44.62\% |
| TOGETHER MELBOURNE <br> - ONG, Ken (Lord Mayor candidate) <br> - MORPHET, Sue (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate) | 7,391 | 10.39\% |
| TEAM MORGAN - A CITY THAT WORKS <br> - MORGAN, Gary (Lord Mayor candidate) <br> - O'BRIEN, Michael (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate) | 4,830 | 6.79\% |
| THE GREENS <br> - BALL, Olivia (Lord Mayor candidate) <br> - INGLETON, Roxane (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate) | 15,131 | 21.27\% |
| STRENGTHENING MELBOURNE <br> - HUNT, Ron (Lord Mayor candidate) <br> - CLIFTON, Doone (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate) | 2,548 | 3.58\% |
| THE LIGHT ON THE HILL TEAM <br> - VAN DER CRAATS, Anthony (Lord Mayor candidate) <br> - HAN, Yunli (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate) | 1,749 | 2.46\% |
| PHIL CLEARY MEANS BUSINESS <br> - CLEARY, Phil (Lord Mayor candidate) <br> - SU, Junxi (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate) | 7,745 | 10.89\% |

## Successful team in the Leadership Team election

- TEAM DOYLE: DOYLE, Robert (Lord Mayor candidate) and WOOD, Arron (Deputy Lord Mayor candidate)


## Councillors election

| Enrolment: | 133,801 |
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| Formal votes: | 72,398 |
| Informal votes: | $1,451(1.96 \%$ of the total ballot papers $)$ |
| Voter turnout: | $73,849(55.19 \%$ of the total enrolment $)$ |

## Groups/Candidates (in ballot paper order)

VotesMARCUS FIELDING - SERVING MELBOURNE WITH INTEGRITYAbove-the-line votes (ticket votes)1,273
Below-the-line votes for FIELDING, Marcus ..... 231
Below-the-line votes for WILSON, Sallyann ..... 15
MELBURNIAN VOICE
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 718
Below-the-line votes for SARRAF, Joseph ..... 85
Below-the-line votes for ZVERINA, Miroslav ..... 2
TOGETHER MELBOURNE
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 5,900
Below-the-line votes for LIU, Philip Le ..... 588
Below-the-line votes for PENNA, Tony ..... 52
Below-the-line votes for YERONDAIS, Barbara ..... 12
Below-the-line votes for POON, Alice ..... 24
ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 1,589
Below-the-line votes for POON, Bruce ..... 164
Below-the-line votes for CREEDY, Fiona ..... 15
LISTENING TO LOCALS
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 1,474
Below-the-line votes for FOSTER, Richard ..... 216
Below-the-line votes for WALSH, Bridie ..... 19
AN INDIGENOUS VOICE ON COUNCIL
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 1,245
Below-the-line votes for WANDIN, Brooke ..... 369
Below-the-line votes for FRANCES GILLEY, Nicolas ..... 14
THE HERITAGE AGENDA
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 692
Below-the-line votes for FORD, Adam Munro ..... 112
Below-the-line votes for DOWNING, Luke ..... 4
STEPHEN MAYNE: TRANSPARENCY, INDEPENDENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, EXPERIENCE Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 3,098
Below-the-line votes for MAYNE, Stephen ..... 521
Below-the-line votes for MAXWELL, Johanna ..... 25
THE GREENS
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 13,262
Below-the-line votes for LEPPERT, Rohan ..... 948
Below-the-line votes for OKE, Cathy ..... 282
Below-the-line votes for SABARATNAM, Apsara ..... 34
Below-the-line votes for PITTS, Jenny ..... 16
Below-the-line votes for CURNOW, Ben ..... 21
TEAM MORGAN - A CITY THAT WORKS
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 3,246
Below-the-line votes for WATTS, Jackie ..... 285
Below-the-line votes for KENNEDY, Michael ..... 10
Below-the-line votes for FLEMING, Farida ..... 11
THE LIGHT ON THE HILL TEAM
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 855
Below-the-line votes for WARD, Jim ..... 93
Below-the-line votes for SIZENKO, Sergey ..... 12
TEAM DOYLE
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 26,170
Below-the-line votes for LOUEY, Kevin ..... 745
Below-the-line votes for REECE, Nicholas ..... 55
Below-the-line votes for SULLIVAN, Tessa ..... 21
Below-the-line votes for RILEY, Susan ..... 48
Below-the-line votes for PINDER-MORTIMER, Beverley ..... 28
Below-the-line votes for STANLEY, Sue ..... 17
Below-the-line votes for WEI, Hope ..... 28
PHIL CLEARY MEANS BUSINESS
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 5,285
Below-the-line votes for CAIAFA, Michael ..... 332
Below-the-line votes for VALE, Suzanne ..... 36
Below-the-line votes for SAGGIO, Sebastian ..... 11
STRENGTHENING MELBOURNE
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes) ..... 1,708
Below-the-line votes for MATTHEWS, Robin ..... 162
Below-the-line votes for CHAU, Wesa ..... 22
Below-the-line votes for SMITH, Roger ..... 7
JAMES, Luke (ungrouped candidate) ..... 82
PRINGLE, Neil (ungrouped candidate) ..... 57
LI, Jin (ungrouped candidate) ..... 52

## Successful candidates in the Councillor election

- LOUEY, Kevin (1st elected candidate)
- LEPPERT, Rohan (2nd elected candidate)
- REECE, Nicholas (3rd elected candidate)
- SULLIVAN, Tessa (4th elected candidate)
- OKE, Cathy (5th elected candidate)
- WANDIN, Brooke (6th elected candidate)
- WATTS, Jackie (7th elected candidate)
- CAIAFA, Michael (8th elected candidate)
- LIU, Philip Le (9th elected candidate)


## Appendix 11: Election participation statistics

| Melbourne City Council election |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enrolment category | Participation <br> Note participation records marks on roll and can vary from turnout (total ballot papers counted) | Statewide postal election comparator for 2016 LG elections (excl. Melbourne City Council) |
| Voters enrolled through section 9A(1) of the CoM Act | 62.14\% | 78.51\% |
| - aged 18 to 69 years old on election day | 60.79\% | 78.28\% |
| - aged 70 years and over on election day | 76.43\% | 79.73\% |
| Voters enrolled through sections 9A(3), 9B, 9C and 9D of the CoM Act | 50.96\% | 55.54\% |
| Council total | 55.67\% | 75.67\% |

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