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City of Racine Addresses Ballot Omission for April 7 Election

Racine, WI – The City of Racine is notifying residents of an issue on the ballots for the upcoming April 7, 2026, election.

Today, City election staff discovered that the uncontested Municipal Judge race was omitted from ballots printed and distributed to the municipality through the Racine County Clerk's Office. The race, including the sole candidate Judge Rob Weber, was publicly noticed by the City of Racine, including publication in WisVote, MyVote Wisconsin, and through a Type A Notice in the official newspaper. The City did not have an opportunity to review or proof the final ballot prior to printing.

Early voting is already underway, including mailed absentee ballots and in-person absentee voting that began this week. While the omission does not impact the outcome of the Municipal Judge race due to its uncontested status, the City is taking immediate steps to ensure all voters have the opportunity to participate fully.

To address the issue:

- A corrected ballot ("Ballot B") including the Municipal Judge race will be issued to voters who have already been mailed an absentee ballot.
- The City is working with state election authorities to determine the appropriate process for voters who have already voted in-person absentee.
- Voters may complete and return Ballot B, which will replace their original ballot ("Ballot A") for counting purposes.
- If a voter chooses **not** to return Ballot B, their original Ballot A will be counted, with no vote recorded for the Municipal Judge race.
- The Racine County Clerk's Office is working to reprint corrected ballots, which will be used for all future voting in this election as soon as they are available.

Voters who have already cast a ballot do not need to take any immediate action. Once Ballot B is available, the City will contact affected voters directly with instructions on completing the

corrected ballot. Anyone who has already mailed an absentee ballot will automatically receive a new ballot.

The City Clerk's Office is coordinating with county election officials and has reached out to state election authorities to confirm that this contingency plan complies with all applicable laws and preserves the integrity of the election.

"We are taking every measure possible to ensure that no one is disenfranchised," said City Clerk Tara McMenamin. "We will be reaching out using phone, email, and all available contact information to ensure that every eligible voter in the City of Racine who has already submitted a ballot receives a corrected ballot and the opportunity to vote in the Municipal Judge race."

Ballots already returned will be counted, unless a corrected ballot is submitted to replace it. No other races are affected.

Additional information, including timing and instructions for returning corrected ballots, will be shared as soon as possible.

Moving forward, the City will advocate for a change in state law that would permit City Clerks to print ballots within their own municipalities.

Voters with questions are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at clerks@cityofracine.org.

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