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West Columbia Municipal Election Update

The West Columbia Municipal Election Commission (MEC) has declared Boyd J. Jones the winner in the Council District Five race as the sole candidate who filed for the race with no write-in candidates declaring intentions to run. Jones filed to run in the general election race scheduled for November 5, 2013. Four other council district races will be decided in the November general election, but each race has multiple candidates who filed to run for office.

Due to a change in the South Carolina State Election Law, Sec. 7-13-190 (E)(3), if only one candidate files for an office and no one declares an intention to run as a write-in candidate, the MEC must declare the sole candidate as the winner. At a meeting held September 18, 2013, the MEC met to review the state election law and voted unanimously to declare Jones duly elected.

The MEC officially will certify Jones as the winner in District Five at the same time the winners in the other races are certified on the Thursday following the election. All winners will assume office on the following Monday. Jones currently is the incumbent council member for District Five and also serves as mayor pro-tem.

For further information please contact Mardi Valentino, Public Information Officer, at (803) 939-8603 (office) or (803) 331-6749 (cell).

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