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TO: Members of the Saint Paul City Council

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SUBJECT: RANKED VOTING PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

The following is a brief description of the public information and educational activities that my office has been doing and is planning to do in preparation for the initial ranked voting city election this November.

- Produced an informational pamphlet on the ranked voting method and process, which was both printed for public distribution and is also available on our website. This pamphlet has been translated into Spanish and Somali and an audio version will be prepared in Hmong.
- In the process of preparing a door-hanger containing the same information on the pamphlet. The door-hanger will be ready for distribution to the candidates by August 29.
- Worked with the city cable office to produce two informational videos, which will be available to the public on our website in the next week and may also run periodically on channel 18 as election day approaches.
- Conducted an orientation session for candidates on the ranked voting process, including the process to be used to resume the counting of votes after election day should that become necessary.

- Provided the district councils with ranked voting information and have offered to speak on this subject at any of their meetings between now and election day.
- Will provide each nursing home in the city with ranked voting information in preparation for the start of health care absentee voting in October.
- Working with Metro Transit to make ranked voting information available to city residents on buses and bus shelters.
- Preparing an informational mailer that will be sent shortly before election day to each household in the city that has at least one registered voter. There are currently slightly more than 92,000 such households.
- Scheduled 18 training sessions on the ranked voting methodology for the election judges who will be serving on election day. One additional judge will be assigned to every polling place in order to provide a brief explanation of the ranked voting process to each voter who enters the polling place.
- Will conduct a press briefing for the news media shortly before election day to discuss the ranked voting process.
- Will be publishing ranked voting information shortly before election day in the Pioneer Press and in the community newspapers.

At this point, I do not see the need for any additional city funds above and beyond what we currently have in the budget for 2011 to properly conduct our public information and educational activities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of this.