



Inver Grove Heights City Council
Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 8:30 AM
8150 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

AGENDA

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: Individuals may submit written public comments in advance of the meeting by emailing comments to Rebecca Kiernan (rkiernan@ighmn.gov). Comments received prior to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2022, will be provided to the Council at or before the November 17, 2022 meeting.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Regular Business**
 - A. Canvass November 8, 2022 General Election Results for Mayor and City Council seats
4. **Adjourn**

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Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: **Canvass November 8, 2022 General Election Results for Mayor and City Council seats**

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2022

ITEM TYPE: Regular Business

CONTACT: Rebecca Kiernan, City Clerk, 651.450.2513

ACTION REQUESTED

The Council is asked to adopt the attached Resolution, canvassing the votes cast at the November 8, 2022 General Election and declaring candidate results.

BACKGROUND

Every even-numbered year the City of Inver Grove Heights has an election for the position of Mayor and two seats on the City Council. The results of the 2022 election for these offices have been tabulated and are attached.

FISCAL IMPACT

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Accepting Canvass Report
2. Abstract of Votes Cast
3. 2022 IGH Canvass Abstract - verified by clerk
4. Index - Election Results
5. Memo to City Council regarding Elections - 2022 General

**CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-261

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE VOTES CAST AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022
GENERAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
AND DECLARING CANDIDATE
RESULTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Inver Grove Heights held the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 wherein the following votes were cast:

See Attached abstract

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA that the following persons are hereby elected to the positions of Mayor and Councilmembers at the November 3, 2020 General Election:

Mayoral	1. Brenda Dietrich	2 Year Term ending December 31, 2024
Councilmember	1. Mary T'Kach	4 Year Term ending December 31, 2026
	2. Tony Scales	4 Year Term ending December 31, 2026

**Registered Voters at 7AM: 22,530 Early
Voting: 1,706
Total Absentee Ballots/Early Voting: 4,782
Election Day Ballots Cast: 11,367
Total Ballots Cast: 16,161
Total New Registrations (AB, EV and Election Day): 856
ED Voter Turn Out: 70%
Total Voter Turn Out: 69%**

Passed this 17th day of November 2022.

Tom Bartholomew, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Kiernan, City Clerk

Abstract of Votes Cast
In the Precincts of the City of Inver Grove Heights
State of Minnesota
at the State General Election
Held Tuesday, November 8, 2022

as compiled from the official returns.

Summary of Totals
City of Inver Grove Heights
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 State General Election

Number of persons registered as of 7 a.m.	22530
Number of persons registered on Election Day	856
Number of accepted regular, military, and overseas absentee ballots and mail ballots	4791
Number of federal office only absentee ballots	3
Number of presidential absentee ballots	0
Total number of persons voting	16161

Summary of Totals
City of Inver Grove Heights
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 State General Election

KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

NP - Nonpartisan

Mayor (Inver Grove Heights)

NP Rosemary Piekarski Krech 5685	NP Brenda Dietrich 8157	WI WRITE-IN 65
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Council Member (Inver Grove Heights) (Elect 2)

NP Mary T'Kach 6369	NP Jennifer Beck-Brown 5463	NP Tony Scales 5680	NP Kathy Fischer 4545	WI WRITE-IN 143
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Detail of Election Results
City of Inver Grove Heights
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 State General Election

Precinct	Persons Registered as of 7 A.M.	Persons Registered on Election Day	Total Number of Persons Voting
19 2710 : INVER GROVE HTS P-01	1148	92	958
19 2720 : INVER GROVE HTS P-02	1816	47	1424
19 2730 : INVER GROVE HTS P-03	1509	32	1133
19 2740 : INVER GROVE HTS P-04	2793	90	2040
19 2750 : INVER GROVE HTS P-05	2311	61	1748
19 2760 : INVER GROVE HTS P-06	2578	112	1879
19 2770 : INVER GROVE HTS P-07	2337	90	1530
19 2780 : INVER GROVE HTS P-08	2433	114	1722
19 2790 : INVER GROVE HTS P-09	1561	84	851
19 2800 : INVER GROVE HTS P-10	1608	69	1134
19 2810 : INVER GROVE HTS P-11	956	28	743
19 2820 : INVER GROVE HTS P-12	1480	37	999
City of Inver Grove Heights Total:	22530	856	16161

Detail of Election Results
City of Inver Grove Heights
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Office Title: Mayor (Inver Grove Heights)

Precinct	NP Rosemary Piekarski Krech	NP Brenda Dietrich	WI WRITE-IN
19 2710 : INVER GROVE HTS P-01	375	458	5
19 2720 : INVER GROVE HTS P-02	537	630	6
19 2730 : INVER GROVE HTS P-03	397	630	9
19 2740 : INVER GROVE HTS P-04	742	1059	5
19 2750 : INVER GROVE HTS P-05	590	926	7
19 2760 : INVER GROVE HTS P-06	698	1003	6
19 2770 : INVER GROVE HTS P-07	557	783	4
19 2780 : INVER GROVE HTS P-08	579	899	6
19 2790 : INVER GROVE HTS P-09	290	381	5
19 2800 : INVER GROVE HTS P-10	386	542	5
19 2810 : INVER GROVE HTS P-11	164	433	4
19 2820 : INVER GROVE HTS P-12	370	413	3
Total:	5685	8157	65

Office Title: Council Member (Inver Grove Heights) (Elect 2)

Precinct	NP Mary T'Kach	NP Jennifer Beck-Brown	NP Tony Scales	NP Kathy Fischer	WI WRITE-IN
19 2710 : INVER GROVE HTS P-01	407	300	368	230	5
19 2720 : INVER GROVE HTS P-02	488	417	591	369	13
19 2730 : INVER GROVE HTS P-03	475	412	438	312	10
19 2740 : INVER GROVE HTS P-04	837	737	715	589	20
19 2750 : INVER GROVE HTS P-05	767	527	585	429	8
19 2760 : INVER GROVE HTS P-06	809	639	680	591	31
19 2770 : INVER GROVE HTS P-07	602	515	568	443	12

Detail of Election Results
City of Inver Grove Heights
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Office Title: Council Member (Inver Grove Heights) (Elect 2)

Precinct	NP Mary T'Kach	NP Jennifer Beck-Brown	NP Tony Scales	NP Kathy Fischer	WI WRITE-IN
19 2780 : INVER GROVE HTS P-08	692	559	654	528	12
19 2790 : INVER GROVE HTS P-09	320	294	234	262	6
19 2800 : INVER GROVE HTS P-10	417	354	368	380	5
19 2810 : INVER GROVE HTS P-11	226	372	165	140	10
19 2820 : INVER GROVE HTS P-12	329	337	314	272	11
Total:	6369	5463	5680	4545	143

We, the legally constituted county canvassing board, certify that we have herein specified the names of the persons receiving votes and the number of votes received by each office voted on, and have specified the number of votes for and against each question voted on, at the State General Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022

As appears by the returns of the election precincts voting in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the City of Inver Grove Heights Clerk. Witness our official signature at _____ in _____ County this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Member of canvassing board

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State of Minnesota
City of Inver Grove Heights

I, _____, Clerk of the City of Inver Grove Heights do hereby certify the within and foregoing _____ pages
to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the City of Inver Grove Heights State General Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Witness my hand and official seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2022.

2022 General Election - Abstract Canvass

Mayor				
	Rosemary Piekarski Krech	Brenda Dietrich	Write-Ins	Total Votes
Election Day Precincts				
Precinct 1	231	336	3	570
Precinct 2	367	436	6	809
Precinct 3	253	430	9	692
Precinct 4	446	683	4	1133
Precinct 5	401	653	3	1057
Precinct 6	512	790	5	1307
Precinct 7	411	617	4	1032
Precinct 8	344	589	6	939
Precinct 9	184	279	5	468
Precinct 10	247	393	4	644
Precinct 11	121	334	4	459
Precinct 12	254	313	2	569
Early Voting (Tues 11/1 - Thurs 11/3)				
Precinct 1	20	15	0	35
Precinct 2	28	29	0	57
Precinct 3	34	36	0	70
Precinct 4	44	78	0	122
Precinct 5	36	52	0	88
Precinct 6	31	40	0	71
Precinct 7	17	20	0	37
Precinct 8	27	47	0	74
Precinct 9	8	13	0	21
Precinct 10	15	27	0	42
Precinct 11	5	9	0	14
Precinct 12	26	11	0	37
Early Voting (Fri 11/4 - Mon 11/7)				
Precinct 1	29	36	0	65
Precinct 2	29	53	0	82
Precinct 3	20	48	0	68
Precinct 4	60	100	0	160
Precinct 5	29	56	1	86
Precinct 6	38	45	1	84
Precinct 7	22	29	0	51
Precinct 8	21	45	0	66
Precinct 9	9	18	0	27
Precinct 10	14	18	0	32
Precinct 11	7	28	0	35
Precinct 12	26	24	0	50

2022 General Election - Abstract Canvass

	Mayor			
	Rosemary PiekarSKI Krech	Brenda Dietrich	Write-Ins	Total Votes
Absentee Envelope Process - Central Counter				
Precinct 1	91	71	2	164
Precinct 2	109	109	0	218
Precinct 3	89	116	0	205
Precinct 4	190	196	1	387
Precinct 5	123	164	3	290
Precinct 6	113	128	0	241
Precinct 7	106	116	0	222
Precinct 8	186	217	0	403
Precinct 9	87	71	0	158
Precinct 10	110	103	1	214
Precinct 11	31	62	0	93
Precinct 12	63	64	1	128
SAH ICC	2	0	0	2
UOCAVA ICC	12	3	0	15
DC Early Voting	7	7	0	14
Accounted for numbers	5,685	8,157	65	13,907
State Reported	5,685	8,157	65	13,907
Difference	0	0	0	0

2022 General Election - Abstract Canvass

Council Member						
	Mary T'Kach	Jennifer Beck-Brown	Tony Scales	Kathy Fischer	Write Ins	Total Votes
Election Day Precincts						
Precinct 1	249	193	247	161	5	855
Precinct 2	306	293	381	271	12	1263
Precinct 3	281	278	299	216	8	1082
Precinct 4	502	447	451	369	15	1784
Precinct 5	495	340	403	303	4	1545
Precinct 6	587	491	509	461	27	2075
Precinct 7	435	384	434	341	12	1606
Precinct 8	409	361	405	362	12	1549
Precinct 9	206	198	166	187	6	763
Precinct 10	276	245	263	267	4	1055
Precinct 11	156	291	125	111	10	693
Precinct 12	224	240	238	216	10	928
Early Voting (Tues 11/1 - Thurs 11/3)						
Precinct 1	21	15	14	6	0	56
Precinct 2	28	16	36	11	0	91
Precinct 3	37	23	35	19	2	116
Precinct 4	66	55	47	33	1	202
Precinct 5	51	33	28	24	2	138
Precinct 6	43	23	28	17	0	111
Precinct 7	18	17	21	10	0	66
Precinct 8	34	37	35	19	0	125
Precinct 9	12	9	7	6	0	34
Precinct 10	23	12	12	16	0	63
Precinct 11	4	9	3	1	0	17
Precinct 12	22	11	19	10	0	62
Early Voting (Fri 11/4 - Mon 11/7)						
Precinct 1	41	21	29	22	0	113
Precinct 2	39	28	49	21	0	137
Precinct 3	29	36	32	20	0	117
Precinct 4	64	75	60	58	0	257
Precinct 5	43	36	30	26	0	135
Precinct 6	39	30	34	34	2	139
Precinct 7	27	25	13	20	0	85
Precinct 8	31	25	31	18	0	105
Precinct 9	16	15	8	11	0	50
Precinct 10	11	17	12	14	0	54
Precinct 11	15	21	5	11	0	52
Precinct 12	25	29	22	14	0	90

2022 General Election - Abstract Canvass

	Council Member					
	Mary T'Kach	Jennifer Beck-Brown	Tony Scales	Kathy Fischer	Write Ins	Total Votes
Absentee Envelope Process - Central Counter						
Precinct 1	94	70	75	39	0	278
Precinct 2	113	74	121	65	1	374
Precinct 3	127	75	72	56	0	330
Precinct 4	204	159	157	129	4	653
Precinct 5	177	118	124	76	2	497
Precinct 6	136	92	109	79	2	418
Precinct 7	121	88	99	71	0	379
Precinct 8	216	136	182	128	0	662
Precinct 9	84	72	51	58	0	265
Precinct 10	107	80	80	82	1	350
Precinct 11	51	51	32	17	0	151
Precinct 12	58	57	34	31	1	181
SAH ICC	1	1	0	0	0	2
UOCAVA ICC	10	4	4	4	0	22
DC Early Voting	5	7	9	4	0	25
	6,369	5,463	5,680	4,545	143	22,200
	6,369	5,463	5,680	4,545	143	22,200
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Unofficial Results Tuesday, November 8, 2022

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Precincts Reporting in Municipality: 100% 12 of 12

Last Updated: 11/14/22 8:48 AM

Voters Registered at 7AM: 22,530

Results for Selected Contests in 31076 - Inver Grove Heights

Mayor (Inver Grove Heights)

[Results By Precinct](#)

12 precincts in contest. 12 of 12 precincts reported in municipality.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct
NP	Rosemary Piekarski Krech	5,685	40.88%
NP	Brenda Dietrich	8,157	58.65%
WI	WRITE-IN	65	0.47%

Council Member (Inver Grove Heights) (Elect 2)

[Results By Precinct](#)

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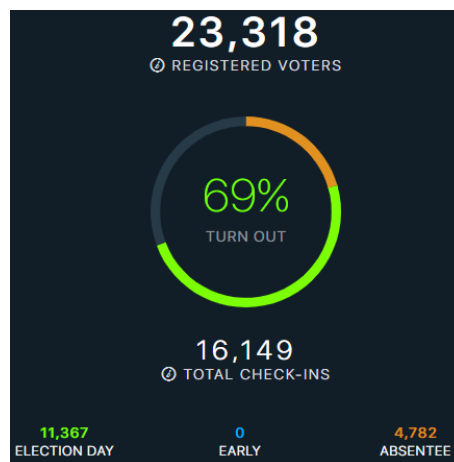
Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct
NP	Mary T'Kach	6,369	28.69%
NP	Jennifer Beck-Brown	5,463	24.61%
NP	Tony Scales	5,680	25.59%
NP	Kathy Fischer	4,545	20.47%
WI	WRITE-IN	143	0.64%

TO: Kris Wilson, City Council
FROM: Rebecca Kiernan
SUBJECT: 2022 General Election
DATE: November 10, 2022

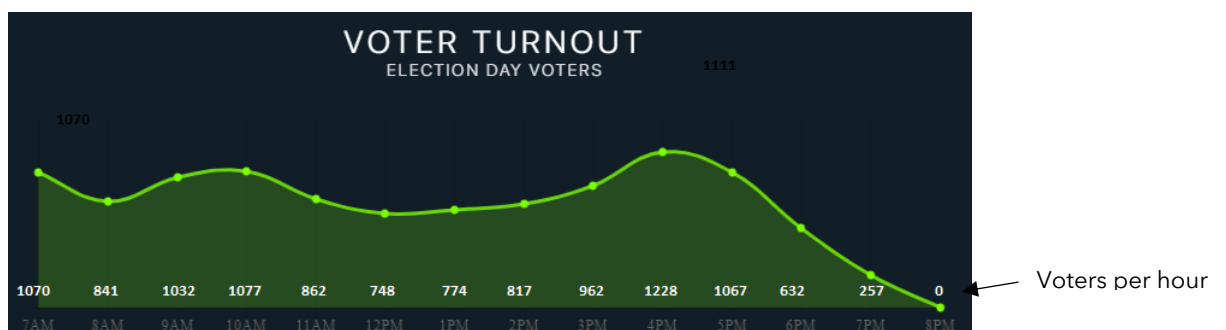
The purpose of this memo is to provide the City Administrator and City Council an update at the conclusion of the 2022 General Election.

Highlights

- The 2022 General Election has concluded.
 - Inver Grove Heights had 69% voter turnout.
 - 11,367 voted in their precinct on Election Day.
 - 4,782 voted early (i.e., Absentee Ballot with Envelope and Direct Ballot)



- Voting was steady in the morning (roughly 1,000+ voters per hour), peaked at 4PM-5PM with 1,228 voters per hour, and declined sharply after 7PM.



- Election administration executed well, however, there were two notable issues.
 - **Ignoring election judge instruction, voters in two precincts used ballpoint pens to mark their ballot instead of the special ballot pens provided to them.**

Voters are provided a fast-drying black Flair marker for marking their ballot. Ballpoint ink pens are not used because they do not dry and smear when put into the ballot counter. When that happens, the ballot counter shows an error messages such "Timing Mark Mis-Read" and "Over Vote."

Voting continued by having voters put their ballots into the ballot counter's auxiliary compartment, the ballot counter mechanisms were cleaned, and ballots were inserted into the ballot counter and successfully tabulated. Additionally all Head Judges were called and asked to increase their diligence in monitoring voter pen usage.

- **After the polls closed, transmission of results from the ballot counters in the precincts (Election Day results) and City Hall (early voting results) failed.**

When attempting to transmit results after the polls closed, election judges in the precincts either received "transmission failed" warnings or no response while trying to transmit election results.

After instructing them to choose the back-up server, the majority of election results were transmitted successfully. The results cards from one precinct were driven to the Election Office in Hastings and were successfully uploaded. Dakota County has not yet provided an update regarding the cause of the problem.

It is important to note that results transmission during the 2022 Primary Election worked flawlessly. Additionally, in preparation for the 2022 General Election, each modem was tested during the pre-election testing process and all transmissions were successful.

- For this election, 5,228 absentee ballots were issued and 4,782¹ (91%) were returned and accepted.²

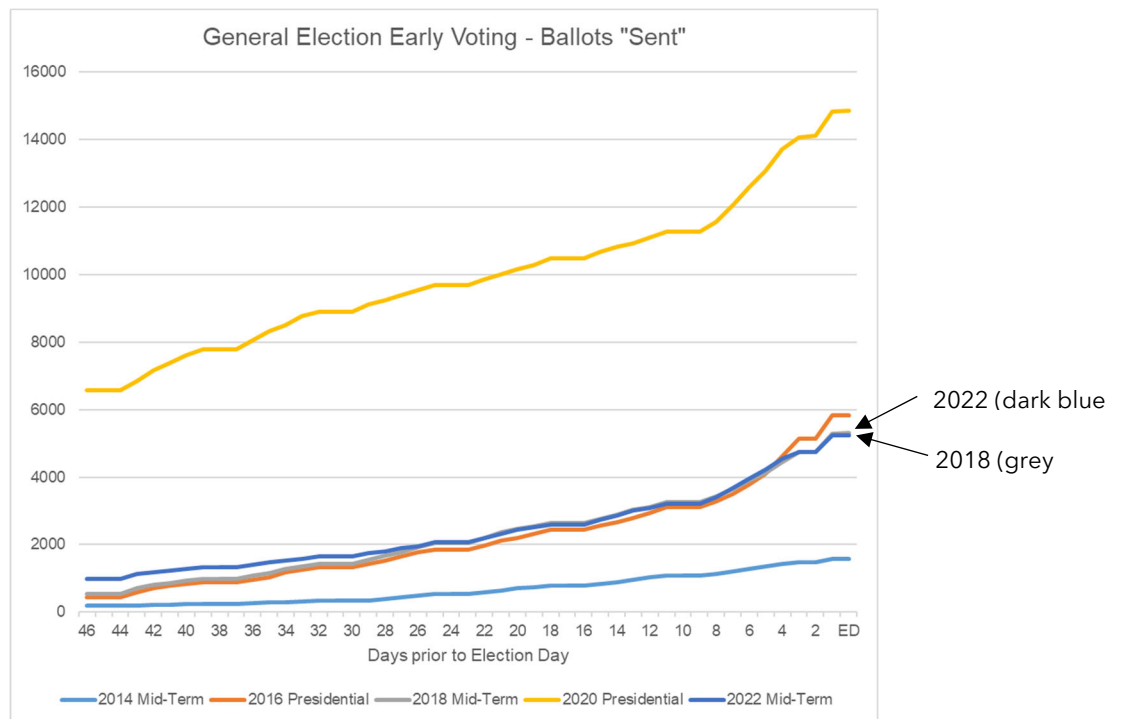
Delivery Method	Quantity	Percent Of Total Quantity Issued	Accept Percent
Mail Out	2,261	43.2%	81%
Direct Ballot	1,706	32.6%	100%
In Person	1,221	23.4%	99% ³
Health Care Facility	31	0.6%	74%
Agent Delivery	11	0.2%	91%
Total	5,228		

¹ 4,771 accepted absentee ballots are visible to City election staff; the balance of 11 are only visible to Dakota County as they may be "safe at home" or "UOCAVA" ballots.

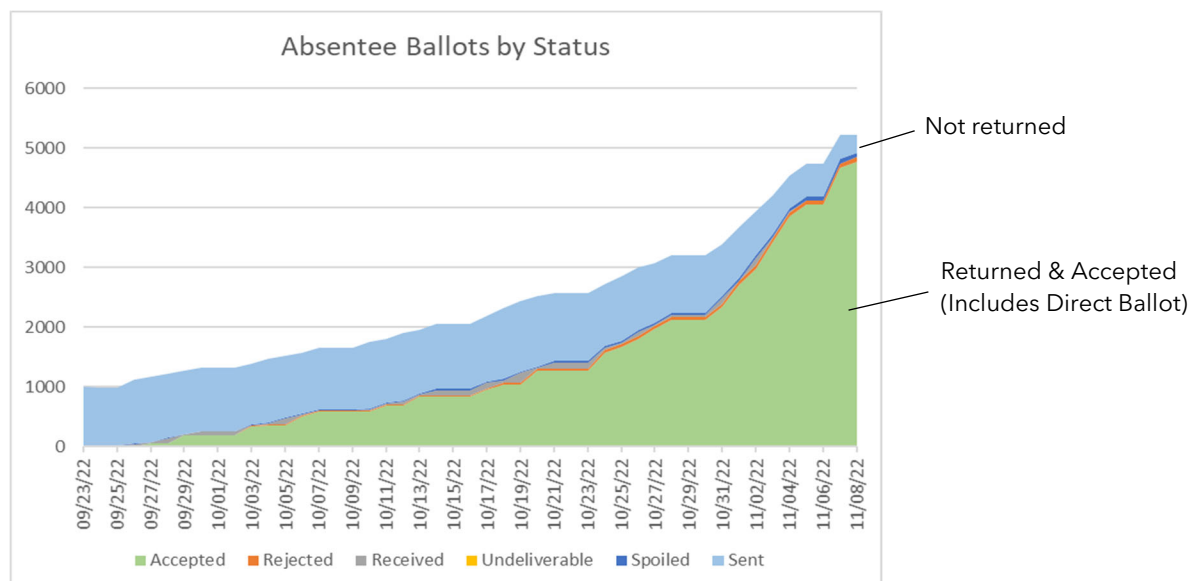
²These numbers are unofficial, directional and not audited. They should be used for internal informational purposes only.

³ Some issued In Person are taken home and not returned.

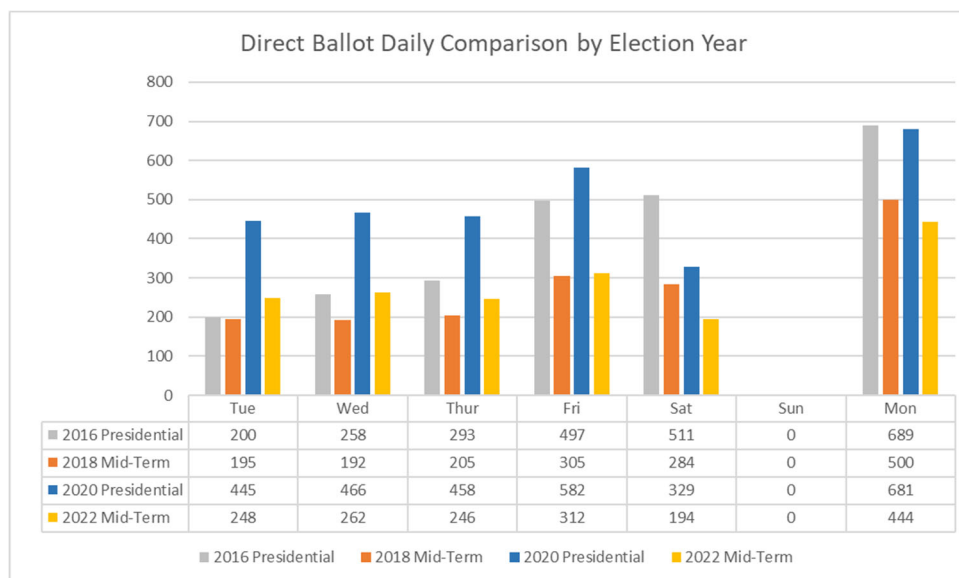
- Comparing historical General Election data, the number of Absentee Ballots requested and send was similar to the 2018 Mid-Term General Election.



- The following graph shows the final status of Absentee Ballots (i.e., both "With Envelope" and "Direct Ballot").
 - 91% were returned and Accepted by the Absentee Ballot Board.
 - 6% were not returned.
 - 2% were rejected and reissued by the Absentee Ballot Board (majority were rejected for lack of a Witness).



- Direct Balloting (where early voters put their ballot directly into the tabulator) was heavy the first four days, and then tapered off the fifth and sixth days. The following graph compares quantity of Direct Ballots by day, by election.



- In addition to part time engagement of the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk, this election was administered by the following part-time staff.

Location	Role	Quantity
Election Office	Election Specialists	2
Election Office	Absentee Ballot Specialists	5
Precinct	Head Judges	21
Precinct	Election Judges	118

Looking ahead to the 2024 Presidential election cycle, there will be three elections (i.e., the Presidential Nomination Primary, Primary, and General elections). Budget to cover more Election Office staff will be requested as more hands are needed to cover the increasing workload including administering early voting, testing equipment, training judges, readying precincts, supplies, and equipment for Election Day, providing Election Day support, and cleaning up post-election.