

DECISION 2004

At-large or Wards Plebiscite

Questions and Answers

PICK ONE



At-large



Wards

VOTING IS ONE of the most valuable rights and privileges that we have as Canadians. When you vote for your city government, it's a vote on how your city is run. The people you elect to City Council are the ones who are ultimately going to make decisions that affect your everyday life.

Councillors make decisions on issues ranging from police, fire, park and library services, to what developments are built, and which businesses can operate in an area.

On October 16, the City of Vancouver is asking you to vote on a question

At-large:

- No wards within the city
- All eligible voters vote for all 10 Councillors
- Top 10 vote-getters are elected to Council

Wards:

- 14 wards within the City
- Eligible voters in the ward vote for one Councillor
- Top one vote-getter within each ward is elected to Council

that's been a recurring issue in our city for almost a century: how should we elect our City Council?

Vancouver residents will have the chance to choose between two voting systems.

Do you want to stay with the current at-large system where you choose 10 from a city-wide list of candidates on the ballot? Or do you want to switch

to a ward system, which would mean you vote for one candidate who will represent your area of the city?

While many of us vote regularly in elections, or at least have voted at one time or another, we may not have given much thought to the methods we use to elect our civic leaders. But how we vote affects who's on Council and how they represent your interests and those of your community and the city. This is your chance to have a say. Don't stand by and let others make this important choice for you. Vote on October 16.

On October 16, 2004, City of Vancouver residents will have the chance to vote on whether the City should adopt a ward system or retain the existing at-large system of electing Councillors.

Look for this insert in next weekend's edition of this paper. It has information about the Decision 2004 plebiscite. You can also find copies of this insert at your local library, community centre, at City Hall (453 West 12th Avenue), and online at www.pickone.ca.

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