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CITY ELECTION BOARD SETS DATE FOR
SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL 4TH AND 12TH WARD VACANCIES

(St. Louis, MO) The St. Louis City Election Board will hold Special Elections in Wards 4 and 12 on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, to fill the vacancies created by the death of 4th Ward Alderman Sam Moore on February 25 and the resignation of Alderman Larry Arnowitz on March 3, 2020. Because the vacancies occurred more than 180 days prior to the next General Municipal Election in 2021, Article IV, Section 5 of the City Charter requires that Special Elections be held no sooner than 75 days nor later than 90 days after the occurrence of the vacancies. The individuals elected will serve until the next General Municipal Election (April 6, 2021).

Since there is no primary election in this instance, the city central committees of the established political parties have the right to certify to the Election Board their candidates to stand for election to fill the vacancies no later than 30 days before the date of the Special Elections, or by the close of business on Monday, April 20. A nonpartisan/independent candidate has until that same deadline to submit a petition containing the signatures of at least 10% of the registered voters in Wards 4 and 12, respectively, who voted in the April 4, 2017 mayoral election (i.e., 123 signatures in Ward 4 and 321 signatures in Ward 12). Absentee voting for the May 19 Special Elections will begin on Tuesday, April 21.

For more information on the May 19, 2020 Special Elections, please contact the Election Board at 314-622-4336 or visit the Board’s website at www.stlelections.com.

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