

Subject: Mayor Ignores Election Results to PRP Fire Board
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Mayor Ignores Election Results! Appoints his own nominee to PRP Fire Board!



Residents who live in the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Protection district went to the polls on September 19, 2009 to vote for a representative on the fire board. (By law the citizens are to elect four people to the board of trustees). After the election, the votes were counted and verified that Michael A. Priddy, Sr. won with 47% of the vote in the three candidate race. The PRP Fire Protection Board of Trustees certified Michael A. Priddy, Sr. as the winner and sent his name to the Mayor for nomination to the Metro Council.

The Mayor, however, ignored the results of the public election and has nominated his own person to fill the vacant position on the board.

The Mayor's appointment, Rosemary Mattingly (a political insider), has no firefighting experience and is the former legislative aide to Councilman Bob Henderson.

Michael A. Priddy, Sr. is a former firefighter injured in the line of duty and forced to retire from the fire department because of his injury. Michael wants to continue to serve the community as a member of the PRP fire board of trustees.

The Mayor's decision to disregard the 47% of the PRP Volunteer Fire District who voted for Mr. Priddy establishes a dangerous precedent. This tells the people of PRP that the Mayor wants to run this autonomous board – instead of the voters of the district.

“The Mayor is positioning himself to take over PRP's fire taxing district, which has a multi-million dollar budget,” says Councilman Hawkins. Further, the Councilman fears that the Mayor will take the tax dollars (and the fire equipment) generated by this fire district and place them in other areas of town.

The Louisville Metro Council's Contract and Appointments Committee will be reviewing the Mayor's nomination for this position on Wednesday, December 9 at 4:00 PM.

Councilman Hawkins and Michael A. Priddy, Sr. will be talking with Francene this morning, Tuesday Morning, 8 December at 10:00 am. Please tune in for further details.

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