

EXHIBIT A

**PROPOSED ARTICLE III, MAYOR
SECTION 3.01, ELECTION AND TERM**

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the persons entitled thereof if such primary elections had been held, and shall place their names on the ballot at the next regular municipal election in the same manner as though such primary election had been held and such persons had received the most number of votes.

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