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## Council Members Call For Full Report On Tuesday's Primary Election Discrepancies

*Ald. Bohl & Ald. Dudzik Introduce Measure Requiring Election Commission Chief to  
Explain Why City Voting Totals Don't Add Up*

A draft Common Council communication file introduced today by Ald. Jim Bohl and Ald. Joe Dudzik would require Election Commission Executive Director Susan Edman to offer a full report on why city totals from Tuesday's primary election appear to be off by thousands of votes.

Referring to a print media report today showing that turnout totals alone in city voting wards could be off by tens of thousands, Ald. Bohl and Ald. Dudzik said the public deserves to know what went wrong and why. "It's obvious that our numbers from Tuesday are flawed, and we need to know why the numbers are so far off and what exactly happened," said Ald. Bohl.

"There's nothing more sacred in a free society than having fair and free elections, and whether it's a computer glitch or something else, voters need to be reassured that the process is fair and accurate," said Ald. Bohl.

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## **Aldermen Call For Review of Election Glitches/ADD ONE**

Ald. Dudzik said he is also concerned about “numerous breakdowns” of electronic ballot counting machines in the city. He said he and Ald. Bohl have eyewitness reports of at least six ballot counting machine failures in six different city polling locations on Tuesday. “It’s frustrating for voters who just want to cast their ballot, make sure that it gets counted properly and then be on their way,” said Ald. Dudzik.

“For whatever reason several of our machines failed and caused big problems at the polls, and I want to know how that happened and how it will be avoided so we don’t have similar problems in November,” he said, referring to the Nov. 7 fall general election.

The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* article today indicates that voter turnout figures in nearly two-thirds of the city’s 314 voting wards are suspect.

The Bohl-Dudzik file will likely come before the Council’s Judiciary & Legislation Committee on October 16, and it could be considered by the full Council at its October 24 meeting.

Ald. Bohl said he is hopeful that the Election Commission will identify Tuesday’s problems and move forward with corrective measures.

“The public deserves answers on what’s going wrong, but more importantly we need prompt corrective action to restore confidence in the city’s electoral process,” Ald. Bohl said.