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New Town Council Decided in First-Ever November Election Sixth Council Seat Results Unclear

Vienna’s next Mayor and Town Council will comprise four incumbents and three newcomers after an historic election that put all seats on the ballot in the same year, rather than staggered, two-year terms in previous May election cycles. Mayor Linda Colbert, who ran unopposed, was reelected. While five of the six Council winners are clear, it is unclear whether all the write-in votes went to a single candidate or multiple candidates. Here are the unofficial results from the Virginia Department of Elections as of Wednesday morning, Nov. 8, 2023:

Vienna Mayor	Percentage	Votes
Linda Colbert	94.72%	4,614
Write-in	5.28%	257

Vienna Town Council	Percentage	Votes
Howard Springsteen	15.78%	3,349
Jessica Ramakis	15.38%	3,265
Charles “Chuck” Anderson	15.30%	3,248
Ray Brill	13.22%	2,807
Roy Baldwin	12.98%	2,756
Write-In	9.41%	1,997
Shelley Mountjoy	8.98%	1,907
Sandra Allen	8.94%	1,898

The Fairfax County Office of Elections began tallying write-in votes for Council on Wednesday morning. Any mail-in ballots that are postmarked by Election Day, Nov. 7 and received by 12 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, will also be counted, and the Electoral Board must review and certify the results. Certification is expected to take place on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023.

The change from a May to November election cycle was made to conform to a 2021 Virginia law requiring municipal elections to be held during the General Election. All non-partisan Vienna Town Council seats will continue to be on the November ballot in future elections, which will be held every two years beginning in 2023.

For more information, contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

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