

MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT

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Charter Amendment 4

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This amendment lengthens the intervals for periodic review of the Charter by the Home Rule Charter Revision Commission from five years to eight years.

Yes Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.

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June 18, 2019

South Dakota

City of Watertown

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NONPOLITICAL BALLOT

For City Council Member
Watertown - Ward A
you may vote for one or leave it blank

- Kay Solberg
- Ried Holien
- Stephan M. Tjaden

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