

## Five Democrats pull out of D.C. primary

WASHINGTON (AP) - Five Democrats have withdrawn from the District of Columbia's non-binding presidential primary, the D.C. Board of Elections said Friday.

Joe Lieberman, John Edwards, John Kerry, Dick Gephardt and Wesley Clark each delivered letters on Thursday stating their intention to withdraw from the Jan. 13 contest, Board of Elections spokesman Bill O'Field said.

The Democratic National Committee does not recognize the primary because delegates will not be selected. The district will hold caucuses Feb. 14 to choose its delegates.

"It's a gutless move," said D.C. Councilman Jack Evans, the author of the legislation moving up the district's primary. "I hope none of them ever wins anything."

All cited Democratic Party rules prohibiting primaries before the traditional first votes in Iowa and New Hampshire, Evans said. But he insisted that city officials had worked with the Democratic National Committee to ensure that the primary complied with all party rules.

Evans said the move was especially offensive because Kerry, Gephardt and Lieberman all own homes in the Georgetown neighborhood.

"I find it disappointing that three actual residents would disrespect their home town and disrespect a major-

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## Street faired well with whites

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - In his overwhelming re-election victory, Mayor John Street accomplished something that few Black Philadelphia politicians before him have done: He fared relatively well among white voters.

The Democrat dominated in Black neighborhoods last Tuesday in his rematch with Republican businessman Sam Katz, who narrowly lost to Street in 1999. Katz put up solid leads in white sections of the city, but Street wasn't far behind in some of those areas.

Street got as much as a third of the vote in many predominantly white wards - a much better showing than four years ago. Street nearly eked out a victory in Chestnut Hill, one of the city's wealthiest, and whitest, neighborhoods.

Street, who was dogged

by the discovery of an FBI bug in the final weeks of the campaign, won with 58 percent of the overall vote - the biggest chunk a Black mayor has had here yet.

"For Philadelphia, a Black mayor getting 30 percent of the white vote is a big deal," said David Bositis, an analyst with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington. "This would be considered a step toward less racial polarization in Philadelphia."

The tallies prompted Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, the city's former mayor, to declare that Philadelphia was "making progress" toward closing its racial gap.

The divide was still quite evident in Tuesday's results.

In 24 predominantly Black wards, Street took between 92 percent and 98 percent of

the vote. He collected at least 75 percent in another 10 predominantly Black wards. In those 34 wards he commanded 170,000 votes to Katz's 17,000.

Katz won at least 80 percent of the vote in nine predominantly white wards, and at least 65 percent in another 10. The candidates were only within 30 percentage points of each other in 10 of the city's 66 wards.

The numbers followed a pattern that has existed for decades in the City of Brotherly Love.

"This is a polarized city, maybe more so than anywhere else," Bositis said. "You have an even division of Blacks and whites in Philadelphia, and a history of divisive campaigns."

There were several possible reasons for Street's gains among whites.

This time, he was running as an incumbent after a relatively stable and prosperous first term.

Street also appealed to Democrats to exercise party unity. When the bug was discovered in his office a month before the election, he called it a Republican dirty trick. Fred Voigt, executive director of The Committee of 70, the city's nonpartisan, election-watchdog group, said that rhetoric may have persuaded some white Democrats not to desert the party.

Street said there is simply less tension between Black and white Philadelphians than there used to be. In four years,

he said, "we had not one single significant racial incident in this city, and I can remember a time when we had them all the time."

Street vowed Wednesday that any racial divisions will quickly heal.

"I feel very good about the fact that after almost four years of being the mayor of this city, in virtually every area of this city, I did better in 2003 than I did in 1999," said Street, the city's second Black mayor.

The first was Wilson Goode, who often engaged in racially charged showdowns with two-term Mayor Frank Rizzo.

Street also said his administration will not get bogged down by an FBI probe of City Hall.

Street insisted he has done nothing wrong, and said the investigation "will have almost no impact on the way we're able to run the government."

The probe became public with last month's disclosure that the FBI had planted a bug in the mayor's office. Authorities have declined to say what they are investigating, but have subpoenaed records regarding the city's dealings with a Street fundraiser and confidant, Ronald A. White.

While no one knows whether Street or any members of his inner circle will be implicated, the mayor of the nation's fifth-largest city will likely be dogged by the investigation for months.

## Jobs

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self as "a long-time leader in creating and expanding enterprise zones to attract businesses and jobs to urban areas."

Former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, whose Website is Carolforpresident.com, proposes a plan for investing in human beings, such as paying for health care so that small businesses won't have to carry that burden.

"If you invest in the masses of the people, you can create jobs and create the kind of stimulus for the economy that will give prosperity to everybody," Braun stated at the Albuquerque debate.

Congress has passed a \$350 billion tax cut over five years, less than half of the \$726 billion that Bush had proposed. Instead of stimulating the economy, as the president argues, Democrats complain the tax breaks will mostly benefit the rich.

"Repeal the Bush tax cuts, and use those funds to pay for universal health care, homeland security, and investments in

job creation that benefit all Americans," says former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean at DeanforAmerica.com.

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry does not object to tax breaks, but the way they were distributed.

Kerry promises to be "a president who will provide middle-class payroll tax relief to get money in the pockets of workers who will spend it, not more tax giveaways for those at the top to stimulate the economy in [popular tax havens] the Cayman Islands and Bermuda."

On JohnKerry.com, he promises to replace all jobs lost in the first 500 days of his administration by establishing an energy independence program that would create 500,000 energy sector jobs.

He also wants tax credits for families with college students, a plan that he says will ultimately help create quality employment and employees.

Kerry resolves: "I think it's time we had a president who will provide the only real economic security: good jobs."

## Board

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Some have already concluded the site has limited acreage that may disallow construction of a football stadium or tennis facilities.

Other items on the school board agenda for the meeting will be community and neighborhood schools, at-risk schools, graduation requirements, proficiency testing, special education and accountability per pupil funding.

"This is wrong of the school district to take \$36 million from these inner-city schools, taking it to the outline areas," said Lewis, who argues the district spends more money per pupil on students in communities like Mojave, Green Valley and Boulder City than they do on West Side students.

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