

Black Boston Mayoral Race Briefing

for those who haven't heard some of the latest news

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Three polls in three days have placed Charlotte Golar Richie, an African-American and the only female in the race for Boston mayor at 5 percentage points behind the leader's 15% first place rank. She received 10% preference from likely voters in three different polls. Those poll numbers are good enough for the candidate to be considered tied for 2nd place with a Mr. Walsh and a Mr. Conley or in a close-to-second third place behind Walsh/Conley, depending on the poll taken.

Reference links:

http://bostonherald.com/sites/default/files/blog_posts/POLL.pdf

<http://www.bostonmagazine.com/news/blog/2013/09/19/boston-mayoral-race-poll-standings/>

How the Boston Black Vote Splits among Mayoral Candidates

A politics and public policy reporter at WBUR, Boston's NPR News Station analyzed the data this way: 31% of black voters chose Charlotte Golar Richie, Dan Conley got 12%, Marty Walsh had 9% and John Connolly and John Barros had 6% each as of September 18th, according to David Scharfenberg of WBUR.

Boston Black Political Power by the Numbers

Historically, the right for an individual to vote has been one powerful organizing tool for community empowerment. Info/economic sharing and transparency is another. Black Boston tweets [@blackboston] wrote: "Per recent poll percentage indicators, the lack of solidarity among Boston black voter respondents is as visible as the full moon."

There are diverse opinions in black Boston about how a person should use their vote in the election. One of the most profound ideas this writer has heard instructs the voter to Write-In their own names at the ballot box if they don't see a candidate that will represent their best interests!

"The smart thing for those who put the interest of the community first would be to take their resources and put it behind the individual most likely to go to the finish, which in this case would be Charlotte Golar Richie," said Rev. Eugene Rivers, co-founder of the Boston TenPoint Coalition. "That would be the wise, mature, adult thing to do if you want to win." said Rivers in a Boston Herald story that printed two day before one of the latest polls were out.

http://bostonherald.com/news_opinion/local_politics/2013/09/ministers_backing_golar_richie_call_on_other_candidates_to_drop

A black candidate in the race with the most poll points could use the seven percentage points distributed collectively to three other black candidates who polled at the bottom of a 12 person field. One Mr. Barros, the charismatically capable Cape Verdean executive on leave from DSNI, Inc. averaged 4 of those points. Charles Yancey, the well-respected 30 year current City Council veteran got 2 poll points while political newcomer and radio station owner Charles Clemmons received 1 point.

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