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State Sen. L. Douglas Wilder abandoned his threatened independent bid for the U.S. Senate. Details, Page B1.

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City Voters Reject Ward Referendum

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In a reversal of last November's decision, Charlottesville voters Tuesday defeated by a 58 to 42 percent margin the second advisory referendum on changing the form of city council.

Asked whether they wanted to switch to a mixed ward and at-large form of representation, Charlottesville's electorate cast 3,382 no votes and 2,453 yes votes — a margin of 929 out of a total of 5,835, according to the city registrar's office.

In November's gubernatorial election, the referendum passed by a 52 to 48 percent margin — 2,642 to 2,418. But city council asked for a second vote because of the narrow, 224-vote margin and the fact that only 48 percent of those who cast votes in the gubernatorial race also voted in the referendum.

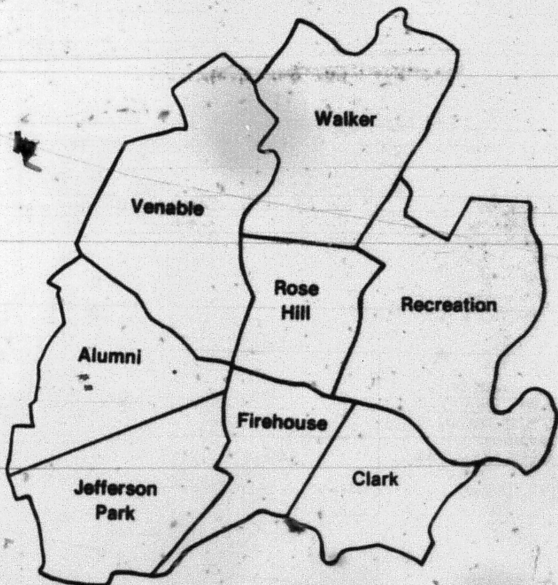
But with 84 percent of those who voted in Tuesday's city council election also casting votes in the referendum, council members said Tuesday night that they had received a clear signal against changing the form of city government.

"I think it's a benefit for the community that it came out posi-

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Referendum Vote by Precinct

Shaded Precincts Voted Against Ward System



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Democrats Sweep Voting For City Council Seats

By CHARLES GIAMETTA
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Mayor Frank Buck won reelection and his running mate, Mary Alice Gunter, staved off a Repub-

teacher and administrator in the city public schools for 10 years.

She beat Republican J. Earl Barnett by 150 votes.

Barnett, a builder and the only

the polls, proved a powerful one two punch.

Party Chairman Tom Vandever described Buck and Mrs. Gunter as articulate and thoughtful can-