



Validity of 2009 Election in Question

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For democracy to exist we need freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the opportunity to vote our choice in elections. In order to vote our choice, we need to be informed by a free and independent press that there is an election and what the issues of that election are.

I believe there is a serious question of the validity of the election this year because the press has been concentrating on the gubernatorial election next year. There have been very few articles even referencing the election this fall for city offices, much less giving full coverage to the issues, thereby denying the public the opportunity to consider who will provide the best leadership among all the candidates.

This is a major failure of the press as well as civic organizations who promote good government, such as the Humphrey Institute and the League of Women Voters. Their indifference to a robust, thorough public debate with the mayor and all substantial candidates does great harm to our democracy and our long tradition of an open and fair public process in Minneapolis.

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