



The results of Davis, California City Council elections are typically puzzling to even the most knowledgeable of local pundits:

- ◆ Viewed historically, is a first-place win with 43% of voter's ballots a strong mandate or a weak finish?
- ◆ How common is it to win election to the Council with less than a majority of the voter's votes—and with as little as 29% voter support?
- ◆ Is the electorate shifting politically left, right, or not changing?
- ◆ Is “bullet voting” increasing?

Seeking to answer these and other questions, in this booklet sociologist/historian John Lofland has assembled the results of the 43 City Council elections held in Davis since the first one in 1917 through the year 2000.

John Lofland is the author of *Davis, California, 1910s-1940s* (with Phyllis Haig, Arcadia, 2000), of *Old North Davis: Guide to Walking a Traditional Neighborhood* (Yolo County Historical Society, 1999), and of *Davis Heritage Buildings, How Many to Start With? How Many Left?* (Yolo County Historical Society Historical Booklet Series, 2000).

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