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In the 6th Ward where four candidates are challenging incumbent Ald. Freddrenna Lyle, Karin Norington-Reaves won the top position.

"I do think that it's somewhat helpful to have that first position,

" Norington-Reaves said. "And once you've done enough to get your name out there, it helps with the name recognition for the folks who aren't going to take the time to go through the list." Ald. William Banks (36th), a 23-year veteran of the City Council, downplayed his second ballot position to challenger Nicholas Sposato.

"For an incumbent it's not important at all," Banks said. "If it were an open seat, it would be important."