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2007 Indiana Mayoral Election Report

November 7, 2007



TIDAL SHIFT IN MAYORAL RACES ACROSS STATE

- Fueled by angry voters across Indiana, 24 incumbent mayors were defeated yesterday
 - 14 incumbent Republican mayors lost
 - Ten incumbent Democratic mayors lost
- Going into Election Night, Democrats held a 65 – 52 advantage in mayoral seats held over Republicans
- Democrats now hold a 69 – 47 – 3 advantage over Republicans and Independents
 - The Democrats increased their number of seats held to 69 (If Muncie holds)
 - The Republicans saw their number decrease to 47
 - Independent candidates won in three races
- Austin and Westfield elected mayors for the first time yesterday
- 38.1% of incumbents in contested races were defeated (24 out of 63)
 - To project this onto a congressional level would translate to a 166-seat swing
 - In 2006, 22 Congressional incumbents were defeated
- In a huge upset, Indianapolis incumbent Democrat Mayor Bart Peterson lost to Republican Greg Ballard
 - This was a race that IBRG staff predicted Ballard to win three weeks ago due to the property tax crisis in Indianapolis
 - It was estimated that Ballard was outspent 30-1 by Peterson
- Incumbents, especially state legislative incumbents, will be facing this same angry set of voters during the May primary and November general election
- Democrats control 8 of the largest 10, and 12 of the 15 largest cities, by population, in Indiana

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2007 INDIANA MAYORAL RACES

City	Party Control Prior to Election	Type of Race	Candidate	Winner
Alexandria	DEM	OPEN	Swegman, Don <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Woods, Jack <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Anderson			Ockomon, Kris <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	INC	Smith, Kevin S. <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Jozwiak, Robert Q. <i>(Independent)</i>	
			Bibbs, Antony T. <i>(Write-in)</i>	
Angola	DEM	INC	Hickman, Richard M. (Dick) <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Conklin, David R. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Attica	REP	INC	Swift, Deon (Butch) <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Auburn	REP	INC	Yoder, Norman E. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Austin	NEW	OPEN	Campbell, Douglas <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
Aurora			Turner, Nancy Fahey <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Hastings, Jr., Donnie W. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Batesville	DEM	INC	Fledderman, Richard C. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Kaiser, Juanita A. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Bedford			Craig, Alan (Big Al) <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	OPEN	Williams, Jean <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Girgis, Shawna Michelle <i>(Independent)</i>	IND
Beech Grove			Mascari, Frank A. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Wright, Donald Joe <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Harris III, Ingle R. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Berne	DEM	INC	Minch, John F. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			McKean, William (Bill) <i>(Republican)</i>	
Bicknell	DEM	OPEN	Flickinger, Jon <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Mullins, Rodney L. <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Duncan, Lydia A. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Bloomington	DEM	INC	Kruzan, Mark <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Sabbagh, David <i>(Republican)</i>	
Bluffton	DEM	INC	Ellis, Ted L. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
Boonville	DEM	INC	Hendrickson, Pam <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
Brazil	DEM	OPEN	Bradshaw, A. Ann <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Sheese, James D. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Butler			Moore, Larry L. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Coburn, Floyd C. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Cannelton			Graves, Morris <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	INC	McBrayer, Melvin <i>(Republican)</i>	
Carmel			Winckler, Henry <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Brainard, James <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Spigelman, Marnin J. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Charlestown	DEM	INC	Hall, Michael D. (Mike) <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Hall, Bob <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Clinton	DEM	OPEN	Hawkins, Jerry <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Clover, Jim <i>(Republican)</i>	
Columbia City	DEM	INC	Fleck, James (Jim) <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Glassley, Ronald L. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Columbus	DEM	INC	Armstrong, Frederick L. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			White, Mark L. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Connersville			Schonfeld, P. Mike <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	OPEN	Urban, Leonard E. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Harrison, Burnard R. <i>(Independent)</i>	
			Wines, Jonathan E. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Covington	REP	INC	Crain, Bradley D. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP

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Crawfordsville	DEM	OPEN	Coons, Charles E. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Frees, Steven W. <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Hurt, Jacob F. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Crown Point			Uran, David F. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	OPEN	Van Sessen, Gayle <i>(Republican)</i>	
Decatur			Schultz, John L. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	OPEN	Meyer, Eric (Keebie) <i>(Republican)</i>	
Delphi			Strasser, Randy J. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	INC	Hoard, Lee W. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Dunkirk			Hunt, Ronald N. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	INC	Hubbard, Sam J. <i>(Republican)</i>	
East Chicago	DEM	INC	Pabey, George <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Santos, Sr., Arthur <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Hayes, Ronald O. <i>(Independent)</i>	
			Morgan, Carla J. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Elkhart			Moore, Dick <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	OPEN	Pettit, Jim <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Gibson, Oscar Noble <i>(Independent)</i>	
Elwood	DEM	INC	Taylor, W. Merrill <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Jackson, Steven L. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Evansville	DEM	INC	Weinzapfel, Jonathan <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Nixon, David <i>(Republican)</i>	
Fort Wayne	DEM	OPEN	Henry, Thomas C. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Kelty, Matthew (Matt) <i>(Republican)</i>	
Frankfort			Toney, Jr., Charles C. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Stock, Donald E. <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Pippenger, Chris N. <i>(Independent)</i>	IND
Franklin	REP	INC	Jones-Matthews, Brenda <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Paris, Fred L. <i>(Independent)</i>	IND
Garrett	DEM	INC	Wiant, David T. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Hoeffel, Tonya <i>(Republican)</i>	
Gary	DEM	INC	Clay, Rudolph <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Smith, Jr., Charles R. <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Tarver, Eddie <i>(Write-in)</i>	
Gas City	DEM	INC	Leach, Howard L. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
Goshen	DEM	INC	Kauffman, Allan <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Huser, Mark A. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Greencastle	DEM	OPEN	Murray, Sue <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Butts, Max Steven <i>(Republican)</i>	
Greendale	DEM	INC	Hedrick, Doug <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Hrezo, Robert J. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Greenfield	DEM	INC	Fleming, Rodney <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Dereamer, Brad <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Greensburg	DEM	INC	Manus, Frank P. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Herbert, Gary L. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Greenwood	REP	INC	Henderson, Charles E. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Payne, David <i>(Independent)</i>	
Hammond	DEM	INC	McDermott, Jr., Thomas M. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Janiec, George T. <i>(Republican)</i>	

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Hartford City	DEM	INC	Whitesell, Dennis J. (Democratic)	DEM
			Brown, Rollin G. (Republican)	
			Lowery, Donald (Independent)	
Hobart	DEM	OPEN	Snedecor, Brian K. (Democratic)	DEM
			Guthrie, John M. (Republican)	
			Smith, Eric David (Independent)	
Huntingburg			Belcher, Marvin (Democratic)	DEM
	REP	INC	Kemp, Gail (Republican)	
Huntington			Long, James L. (Jim) (Democratic)	
	REP	OPEN	Updike, Steven D. (Republican)	REP
Indianapolis	DEM	INC	Peterson, Bart (Democratic)	
			Peterson, Fred C. (Libertarian)	
			Ballard, Greg (Republican)	REP
			Plemmons, John LeRoy (Write-in)	
Jasonville			Terrell, Sr., Roy L. (Democratic)	DEM
	REP	OPEN	Pastore, Donald R. (Republican)	
Jasper	DEM	INC	Schmitt, William J. (Democratic)	DEM
Jeffersonville	DEM	OPEN	Galligan, Thomas R. (Democratic)	DEM
			Snelling, R. Monty (Republican)	
Jonesboro			Akers, Jay R. (Democratic)	DEM
	REP	INC	Poling, Terry (Republican)	
			Richwine, Tina L. (Independent)	
Kendallville			Wagner, Carl L. (Democratic)	
	REP	INC	Handshoe, Wilma S. (Republican)	REP
Knox	DEM	OPEN	Chambers, Rick (Democratic)	DEM
			Byer, Sam (Republican)	
			O'Brien, Theresa (Independent)	
Kokomo			Goodnight, Greg (Democratic)	DEM
	REP	OPEN	Hamilton, Richard (Rick) (Republican)	
Lafayette	DEM	INC	Roswarski, Tom (Democratic)	DEM
			Auckley, Dan (Republican)	
Lake Station	DEM	OPEN	Soderquist, Keith W. (Democratic)	DEM
LaPorte			Chroback, Kathleen A. (Democratic)	DEM
	REP	INC	Morris, Leigh (Republican)	
			Strauss, Michael (Write-in)	
Lawrence	DEM	INC	Cantwell, Deborah (Democratic)	
			Ward, Chris (Libertarian)	
			Ricketts, Paul (Republican)	REP
			Ryker, Ronald L. (Independent)	
Lawrenceburg	DEM	INC	Cunningham, Bill (Democratic)	DEM
			Pruitt, Chris (Republican)	
Lebanon	DEM	OPEN	Neal, Roger (Democratic)	
			Lasley, John W. (Republican)	REP
			Piper, George (Independent)	
Ligonier			White, Margarita (Democratic)	
	REP	OPEN	Fisel, Patricia A. (Republican)	REP
Linton	DEM	INC	Jones, Tommy L. (Democratic)	DEM
			Foglesong, Kelly D. (Republican)	
Logansport	DEM	INC	Fincher, Michael Eugene (Mike) (Democratic)	DEM
			Franklin, Teddy (Republican)	
Loogootee	DEM	INC	Bowling, Donald F. (Democratic)	DEM
Madison			Armstrong, Timothy L. (Democratic)	DEM
	REP	INC	Huntington, Albert G. (Republican)	
Marion			Henry, William R. (Democratic)	
	REP	INC	Seybold, Wayne W. (Republican)	REP

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Martinsville			Maxwell, Darrin H. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	OPEN	Deckard, Phil R. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Jennings, William (Bill) <i>(Independent)</i>	
			Lafary, Gary A. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Michigan City	DEM	INC	Oberlie, Chuck <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
Mishawaka			Hayes, Michael L. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Rea, Jeffrey L. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Mitchell	DEM	INC	Chastain, Morris (Butch) <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Terrell, Dan <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Monticello	DEM	INC	Altman, Kathy <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Thompson, Jason A. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Montpelier	DEM	INC	McPherson, James A. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
Mt. Vernon	DEM	OPEN	Tucker, John M. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Montgomery, Jesse P. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Muncie			Mansfield, Jim <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	OPEN	McShurley, Sharon <i>(Republican)</i>	
Nappanee	REP	INC	Thompson, Larry <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
New Albany	DEM	OPEN	England, Doug <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Hubbard, Randy D. <i>(Republican)</i>	
New Castle	DEM	OPEN	Boles, Sherman <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Small, Jim <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
New Haven	REP	INC	McDonald, Terry E. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Noblesville	REP	INC	Ditslear, John <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
North Vernon	DEM	OPEN	Campbell, Harold (Soupy) <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Davidson, Jeff <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Green, Robert D. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Oakland City	DEM	OPEN	Cooper, Sr., Alfred J. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
Peru			Smith, Richard E. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Walker, Jim R. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Petersburg			Schapker, Mitch <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Craig, Jon W. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Plymouth	DEM	INC	Cook, Gary L. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Senter, Mark <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Portage	DEM	OPEN	Velazquez, Olga G. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Snyder, James Edgar <i>(Republican)</i>	
Portland			Sanders, James E. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Hosier, Bruce W. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Princeton	DEM	INC	Hurst, Robert J. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
Rensselaer			Ludington, Rich <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Arihood, Herbert H. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Reams, Steven <i>(Independent)</i>	
Richmond	DEM	INC	Hutton, Sarah L. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Thalls, Jr., Richard D. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Rising Sun	DEM	INC	Marksberry, William (Bill) <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Scudder, Dale E. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Rochester			Miller, Robert L. (Bob) <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Smiley, Mark L. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Rockport	DEM	OPEN	Alvey, Joseph C. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Groves, Nedra <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Rushville			Bostic, Mervin <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	INC	Bridges, Robert M. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Salem	DEM	OPEN	Bower, David L. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Fultz, John D. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Scottsburg	REP	INC	Graham, Bill <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Baker, Vivian <i>(Independent)</i>	

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Seymour	DEM	OPEN	Burkhart, John Steele <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Luedeman, Craig A. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Bullard, Tracy Warren <i>(Independent)</i>	
Shelbyville	REP	INC	McNamara, Dean (Mac) <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Furgeson, Scott A. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
South Bend	DEM	INC	Polston II, Phillip S. <i>(Independent)</i>	
			Luecke, Stephen J. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Manigault, Juan A. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Southport	REP	OPEN	Brown, Thomas Eugene <i>(W/I(Green))</i>	
			Thoman, Rob <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Sullivan	DEM	OPEN	Biddle, Scott <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			McMahan, M. Jean <i>(Republican)</i>	
Tell City			Ewing, Barbara <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	INC	Strassell, Gayle Ann <i>(Republican)</i>	
Terre Haute	DEM	INC	Burke, Kevin D. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Bennett, Duke A. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Tipton			Delph, Daniel (Dan) <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	OPEN	Grosvenor, Angela M. <i>(Republican)</i>	
Union City	DEM	OPEN	Bothast, Vic <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Conklin, Bryan K. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Neeley, Jamey <i>(Independent)</i>	
Valparaiso	REP	INC	Costas, Jon <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Vincennes			Baldwin, Al <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	INC	Mooney, Terry <i>(Republican)</i>	
Wabash			McCallen, Robert R. <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Vanlandingham, Robert (Bob) <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Warsaw	REP	INC	Wiggins, Ernest B. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Opperud, Jerry D. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Washington			Haag, Larry <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
	REP	INC	Abel, David W. <i>(Republican)</i>	
West Lafayette	DEM	INC	Mills, Jan <i>(Democratic)</i>	
			Dennis, John <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Westfield	NEW	OPEN	Cook, Andy <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
			Day, Ricky W. <i>(Independent)</i>	
Whiting	DEM	INC	Stahura, Joseph M. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
Winchester			Cook, Ralph <i>(Democratic)</i>	
	REP	INC	Croyle, Steven D. <i>(Republican)</i>	REP
Woodburn	DEM	INC	Hoepfner, Richard A. <i>(Democratic)</i>	DEM
			Meadows, William (Bill) <i>(Republican)</i>	
			Rice, Kristopher Allen <i>(Independent)</i>	