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Ruth Beier has retained her seat and MSU Student Aaron Stephens has beaten out Susan Woods and will be joining the East Lansing City Council. Here's how the voting for City Council broke down:

Ruth Beier	3522 votes
Aaron Stephens	3031 votes
Susan Woods	2695 votes
Write-in votes (there were no registered write-in candidates)	132

Here's how the results of the paired proposals on property tax reduction and a City income tax break down in uncertified results from the Ingham County Clerk's office:

Question 1 (property tax reduction)	Passed 3832 to 2175
Question 2 (income tax)	Failed 3249 to 2863

The wording of the property tax reduction proposal appears to specify that it can only take effect if the income tax reduction also passed. (See ballot here. [2]) This would appear to mean that property taxes will not be reduced at this time.

If you voted in this election, please take ELi's quick survey asking why you voted as you did on the income tax, and how you think the City should dealing with the approaching budget crisis: click here to take the survey [3].

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