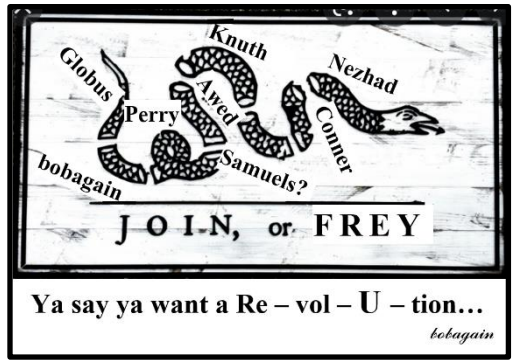




It's CRUNCH TIME – Strib EB & “money + media primary” narrows Mayor’s race to three – could a united “JOIN, or FREY” coalition emerge? – could group campaigning oust Frey? -- could annual elections be the key? -- has the clock run out? – we’ll know soon

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Minneapolis, MN, 10/11/2021 – Four people, including Mayoral candidates **Jerrell Perry** and **Bob “Again” Carney Jr.** (“bobagain”), and Park Board candidate **Katherine Kelly**, met at “People’s Plaza” (across from City Hall) on Oct. 7th -- the tenth anniversary of the Minneapolis Occupy movement, documented by a [video](#). In previous Minneapolis municipal elections (2009 and 2013) group campaigning and Ranked Choice Voting (“RCV”) prompted significant media coverage of a wider range of candidates. However, this year, the Star Tribune Editorial Board (“EB”) seems to be ignoring RVC – endorsing only one candidate in each of three candidate editorials so far -- to advance their apparent view that public safety and Charter Amendment #2, the “defund the police” amendment, are of deciding importance this year. Last Sunday the EB’s Mayoral endorsement also appears to have ratified and proclaimed a kind of “money + media primary” – with only three “official primary survivors”: question #2 opponent Mayor **Frey**, who they endorsed for re-election, and question #2 supporters **Sheila Nezhad** and **Kate Knuth**, who they “Minnesota Niced” on briefly. Three other candidates were mentioned only by name: **A.J. Awed**, **Clint Conner** and **Mark Globus** are all question #2 opponents (**Perry** supports question #2.) Are voter guides really just a “new and improved” Orwellian memory hole?



“It’s CRUNCH TIME,” bobagain said. “We’ll hold the next public ‘Peaceable Assembly’ at People’s Plaza this Thursday at 3 PM, as usual. But I’ll be contacting all candidates before then -- especially the ones highlighted in my JOIN, or FREY poli-cartoon. The big questions are: What priority does each candidate assigning to replacing **Frey** whether or not it’s with them; Who will work together to do it; and Would they pledge to resign in one or two years. If so, a special Mayoral election (with **Samuels** running?) would be held at the time of the regular 2022 mid-term and Governor’s election, or in 2023, when the City Council must face the voters after two years instead of four due to the post-census redistricting requirement,” he said, and added: “I’ve already promised to resign in time for a 2022 special election. I’ve been saying all along: ‘We need a one-year warranty on anyone who is elected to anything in Minneapolis.’”

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