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Green rips Bloomy as 'a novice'

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Elections officials yesterday released updated tallies in the runoff for the Democratic mayoral nomination, showing Mark Green holding onto his lead — on a day he blasted GOP candidate Michael Bloomberg as a “novice.”

The Board of Elections finished its count of votes cast last Thursday in the city's voting machines, and the new figures had Green leading Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer by 18,029 votes, or 51 percent to 49 percent.

Today the board will start counting some 30,000 paper ballots, which include absentee ballots and affidavits cast by people unable to use the machines.

Returns reported on election day — showing Green with a 4-percentage point lead — were based on unofficial tallies, and Ferrer withdrew his initial concession when it was revealed 40,000 votes were accidentally counted twice.

Meanwhile, Green's strongest attack yet on Bloomberg came after the Republican billionaire unveiled his economic-development plan for the city, which includes building an academic complex on Governors Island.

The Bloomberg proposal rejects the creation of a separate authority responsible for lower Manhattan's recovery.

Bloomberg's plan — unveiled at a Crain's breakfast forum — also called for trimming the size of



MARK GREEN
Slams rival's “naiveté.”

the city workforce by offering early-retirement incentives, extending the No. 7 train, rewriting the city's zoning codes and creating a “mini City Hall” in every borough.

“If September 11th has to be the price for a wake-up call, it's a great tragedy, but let's not waste that opportunity,” Bloomberg said.

After Bloomberg's speech, Green lashed into the media mogul.

“I don't think he knows this city and I don't think he understands government and I don't think he understands our communities,” Green said in Jamaica, Queens.



BLOOMBERG
Unveils economic plan.

Green said that by rejecting the creation of a state-city authority to deal with the trade center aftermath, Bloomberg is “displaying the naiveté of a novice.”

Also yesterday:

■ Vowing to file a federal lawsuit over the city Board of Elections handling of the runoff, the Rev. Al Sharpton met with Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Alan Vinegrad.

Sharpton said he filed a complaint with Vinegrad, charging that consolidating election districts during the runoff was a violation of the federal voting-rights act.

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