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Will New York approve Proposal no. 1?

THE sole statewide ballot proposition New Yorkers will face Nov. 4 would make sure disabled war veterans get an advantage in civil service job tests even if they aren't collecting disability payments.

Proposal No. 1 would amend the state constitution to make sure any veteran disabled in war time

gets the additional points on civil service tests allowed by law when applying for state or local government jobs.

The amendment would allow for disabled veterans who aren't collecting disability benefits to receive the automatic points on civil service tests as long as they are certified as being disabled. (AP)

NY, NJ Asian-Americans support...

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New Jersey is approximately eight percent of the state's population, making New Jersey the state with the third largest proportion of Asian Americans, after Hawaii (56 percent) and California (13 percent).

The Asian-American community in New Jersey is diverse in terms of ethnicity and national origin.

Approximately 18 percent identify as Filipino, making them the third largest in the state, following the 37 percent who identify as Indian or South Asian, and the nearly 20 percent Chinese.

In New York, and according to the 2007 American Community Survey, the Asian

American population is 1,410,103; approximately 7 percent of the entire state's population.

Seventy-two percent of the state's Asian Americans call New York City home and at 1,016,495, comprise approximately 12 percent of the city's

population.

Approximately 49 percent of New York City's Asian American population resides in Queens; followed by Kings County (Brooklyn) at 24 percent; New York County (Manhattan) at 18 percent, Bronx County at 5 percent, and Richmond County (Staten Island) at 4 percent.

Prof. Junn also said that they were able to conduct the extensive surveys in eight languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Researchers from Rutgers University Eagleton Institute of Politics and three other universities: University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley); University of California, Riverside (UC Riverside); and University of Southern California (USC) collaborated for this groundbreaking study. (*Momara G. Visaya*)

White says Vera...

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the young, hungry and undefeated Vera to the Vera now that has lost three of his last four fights since signing a large contract to join the UFC organization in 2007. Vera had a falling out with former manager Mark Dion that caused the former to miss considerable octagon time.

The chagrin of White followed the 31-year-old Vera's lost by a split decision against Keith "The Dean of Mean" Jardine during UFC 89 held at The National Indoor

Arena, Birmingham, England last Saturday, October 18.

Wearing blue, yellow, red and white shorts, the San Diego-based Vera opened the first round hitting the ground when Jardine tackled him during the opening minute. Vera threw a few sharp elbows and opened a cut on top of Jardine's head. He tried for a submission hold but Jardine did not relent. Jardine threw in a few ground and pound punches before the referee stood both fighters.

The action quickly continued. The two fighters traded flash knockdowns. Vera knocked down

Jardine with a right uppercut but as he pursued the falling fighter, Jardine clocked Vera with a right hook to close out the round.

In the second round, the pace slowed considerably. Vera landed a straight left hand Jardine's head to open the round and prevented Jardine from taking him down to the mat. Vera was able to clinch Jardine midway through the round and land a few knees before Jardine shook out of it. Vera dominated the round, landing a few solid kicks to Jardine's rib cage by the end of the round.

In the final round, Jardine started quickly. Vera would pepper Jardine with a few leg kicks; however, Jardine was mainly the aggressor throughout the round. The "Dean of Mean" swung wildly at Vera, landing a few punches. Even though, Vera blocked some of the punches, it appeared that Jardine did enough to secure the victory.

Two of the octagon judges scored the bout 29-28 twice Jardine.

The loss drops Vera's record to 9-3. (*Joseph Pimentel*)

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