

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to online voting pilot for Neighborhood Council elections.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT and AUTHORIZE the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the City Clerk to enable the online voting platform for the April 2017 Neighborhood Council Subdivision election for the Downtown area (this should not change the existing suspension of online voting in any other area, until the issues in DONE's report and the factors that led to the suspension can be further discussed).
2. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to keep Council file (C.F.) No. 15-1022-S2 active and the DONE report dated January 7, 2017 on file pending potential further discussion and evaluation by the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods (REIGN) Committee.
3. INSTRUCT DONE to report to REIGN Committee with a recap of online voting for the April 2017 Subdivision elections, along with recommendations, if any, from that experience.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council
Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
Studio City Neighborhood Council
West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
Harbor Gateway Neighborhood Council
Glassell Park Neighborhood Council
Palms Neighborhood Council
Valley Village Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhood Council
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on March 22, 2017, the REIGN Committee considered a DONE report dated January 7, 2017 relative to an online voting pilot for Neighborhood Council elections.

The DONE General Manager addressed the Committee on the matter and responded to related questions. During further discussion, the Committee Vice-Chair inquired regarding the

Subdivision election for the formation of a Skid Row Neighborhood Council in the Downtown area and the use of online voting for this election, especially in light of past issues with online voting. The General Manager reported on the systems in place to conduct the election using the online voting platform and advised the Committee that no problems are anticipated by DONE.

After consideration, and after providing an opportunity for extensive public comment, the Committee Vice-Chair submitted moved that DONE and City Clerk be instructed to move forward with online voting for only the Subdivision election for the Downtown area, and that C.F. No. 15-1022-S2 and DONE's report on the file be continued in Committee for further discussion. Lastly, DONE was instructed to report back to the Committee after the April 2017 election with a recap and recommendations, if any, from that election. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS
COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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