

Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(20) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The West Hills Neighborhood Council at a duly convened meeting with a vote of 20 Yes, 0 No, and 5 absences voted FOR CF15-1022-S2, suspending implementation of the online voting system for future Neighborhood Council elections until the City Council has had time to review the DONE report and declare that the numerous issues experienced during the 2016 elections have been remedied.

The WHNC supports online voting, but only after the many problems experienced during the 2016 elections are resolved.

Comments:

Methods of online registration and securing voters' data must be resolved before moving forward.

Receipts should be provided to stakeholders for both registering to vote online and voting online.

Voters in NC elections should have three options 1) in person at polling place; 2)online; 3)vote by mail.

Polling locations should offer the option of using either a tablet or paper ballot in order to overcome voter apprehension.

Stakeholders should be able to register online and vote at a polling place without needing to re-register.

Registration should remain valid for future elections.

The WHNC does not support being required to allocate a specific portion of its annual budget in election years to fund elections. How can Neighborhood Councils maintain autonomy and fiscal integrity if required to allocate up to 20% of our annual budget to fund elections and told how we must spend those funds.

In addition, the WHNC supports the following:

- 1) Expansion of elections outreach efforts so existing board members will not be expected to find candidates to run against themselves.
- 2) The minimum voting age for WHNC elections is 16. Other Neighborhood Councils should consider adopting this standard and lower the age minimum.
- 3) The proposed maximum of three ballot types is acceptable, as the WHNC has never used more than one type of ballot.
- 4) Self-affirmation of stakeholder qualifications for voter registration is acceptable with appropriate identification.