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Summary: NCWP does NOT SUPPORT the motion to conduct online voting for NC elections and does NOT SUPPORT the recommendations made by DONE.

Autonomy is the intended Spirit of the Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles and each Neighborhood Council should retain the authority to set certain voting eligibility criteria and, of course, all election processes should be legal. Per California Elections Code 19217, online voting is currently not legal in the state, without the approval of the Secretary of State. That should be reason enough to not require it in NC elections, and the disastrous 2016 pilot program was proof that this is not a manageable process for the NC elections. Honoring the autonomous nature of the NC's, the method of the election should be determined by the NC.

Re letter from DONE reCF 15-1022-S2 DONE Rec 2:Autonomy is the intended Spirit of the NCs in the City of Los Angeles and each Neighborhood Council should retain the authority to set certain voting eligibility criteria, including the age of voters. The voting age should not be mandated to include minors. The legal voting age in the state of California and the City of Los Angeles is 18 years of age. Inconsistency should not be mandated. We do not support the recommendation of DONE to require that the voting age be dropped to 12 – 16 years of age.

DONE Rec 4:Establishing a percentage of the budget to be spent on elections is arbitrary and inconsistent with the intended autonomous Spirit of the NC system. We do not support the recommendation of DONE to set aside at least 20% of the budget across the board. The "Stakeholder" definition should remain those who "live, work or own property in the neighborhood". Separately, there is an "Affirmation Stakeholder" who is one "who declares a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder. All seats on the board should not be required to include Affirmation Stakeholders as eligible candidates or eligible voters. One seat should suffice.