

Contact Information

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Summary: The ASNC opposes the plan to postpone NC elections to 2019. Many boardmembers who were duly elected to two year terms may not stay and serve an additional year. This would result in a less democratic and less responsive Board, as more members would be appointed rather than elected.

Further, elections are one of the best times to engage the community and publicize the work of NCs. Over the past years, NC elections have been moved around several times, which lessens the community engagement and dampens participation.

We believe that the next election should be held in 2018 as previously planned. At that time, if the City wants to get the elections onto odd years, the terms which begin in 2018 can be either 1 or 3 years, with the candidates and the community understanding what the term would be at the time of the voting.