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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 06/16/2021

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Summary: The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is opposed to efforts to “standardize” neighborhood council elections. Neighborhood Councils were envisioned and created by the Charter Reform Commissions to bring residents closer to local government, especially in dealing with local concerns. As a result, the Charter empowers each neighborhood council to determine its own board structure. Some have more seats than others. Some have seats allocated by areas, some have seats reserved for business representatives, and some have seats for youth, renters, governmental organizations, etc. and some have variable terms so as to provide stability and continuity. Some council areas have major employment centers while other areas are almost exclusively residential. The result is that each of the 99 Neighborhood Councils has a unique identity. These varying board structures are reflected in varying election requirements. An attempt to standardize criteria is little more than an attempt to centralize government once again, the very reason Neighborhood Councils were created. Furthermore, analyzing practices and costs associated with the elections currently being conducted by the City Clerk’s Office would be misleading. These elections are out of the norm due to the pandemic and there were many challenges unique to this election cycle. If you want to reduce costs, allow the Neighborhood Councils to conduct their own elections. Finally, any examination of the Neighborhood Council Election System must include extensive community input.