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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/06/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/06/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-0600-S66

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) supports this motion. Further, NWWNC asks: -That the City Clerk and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment be directed to conduct hybrid Neighborhood Council elections—both in-person and by mail—this election cycle and every future election cycle -That those departments receive sufficient funding to do so -That those departments receive funding and direction for other elections improvements—e.g., to improve the online ballot request portal, hire more election support staff, support ranked-choice elections in Neighborhood Councils whose bylaws call for them, and implement the recommendations of the 2022 Neighborhood Council Election Work Group The pandemic proved the need for and value of mail-in ballots, which allowed safe, flexible participation in Neighborhood Council elections. However, given the low visibility of NC elections, in-person voting is also vital, for voters and campaigning candidates. We also hope that DONE spends its elections outreach funding in a transparent, fair manner, executing contracts and ensuring elections outreach activities are complete in a timely fashion before the election is closed and avoiding the issues identified by Neighborhood Councils across the city in Council File 20-0963.



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Title: 2022 Budget Recommendation / Department of Neighborhood Empowerment / Neighborhood Council / Election Funding

Position: Support

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