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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) voted to support the concept (proposed by the City Clerk and adopted by City Council, with details pending at the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts, and River Committee) of Vote-by-Mail (VBM) neighborhood council elections in 2021, but only if some changes are implemented. UNNC is especially concerned that the number of VBM ballot drop-off boxes is too limited, likely no more than one per neighborhood council, despite the differences in geography and vehicle ownership/mobility between NCs. UNNC's own large footprint should allow us to have more than one ballot drop-off box location to help ensure all stakeholders have access to the VBM ballot boxes. Therefore, UNNC approved this motion: "The City Clerk has proposed making all Neighborhood Council elections next Spring 100% vote-by-mail, with the development of a new elections "portal" to be designed and completed by December 2020, and outreach to be done in partnership with DONE and Neighborhood Councils. However DONE's budget request for such outreach was not funded by the City Council. The United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council supports the initiative to conduct these elections via Vote by Mail, but only if the proposal is amended to include: 1). funding for outreach; 2). a sufficient number of drop off boxes be required so that voting is not totally reliant on the postal service; 3). more interface with neighborhood councils – the City Clerk should work with the individual neighborhood councils on how to design the new portal, and how to determine who would get ballots."