

Communication from Public

Name: Helen Tocco

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Comments for Public Posting: I am currently the Secretary for the Palms NC and have been in this role for a little over a year now. I believe the Neighborhood Councils should have the opportunity to weigh in on the decision whether to run elections only by vote-by-mail. In this day and age of technology, I believe we are missing a major opportunity for stakeholder engagement by not also allowing online voting for these local elections. We have worked hard to improve our social media presence online during this pandemic since this is the main way we have to safely engage people, and to not offer an online voting platform seems to be a step backwards. I agree that it is important to keep our voting process safe in a pandemic, but I believe we should offer both vote-by-mail and online voting.

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Name: Roger Davis

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Comments for Public Posting: I fear this system will be plagued w/problems, & feel the easiest (& most fair) remedy will be to simply extend the '21 NC elections one year so they can (hopefully!) be reinstated "in person" in '22. Probable "issues" w/this plan: 1-How will stakeholders obtain ballots--must they somehow email/call someone to obtain one, & especially for the ELDERLY, who may not (either) have computers or be computer savvy, will they be able to obtain ballots without the (usual!) long telephone hold-times for calling any City office to obtain a ballot? 2-Then, not to echo our President, but how will Clerk's office be able to verify the ballot being submitted is indeed from an actual stakeholder. This ballot box will be exceedingly easy to "stuff" for anyone so inclined. 3-The logistical effort, & significant expense, required for this operation will be a most unneeded burden to our already over-burdened City personnel & budget, & the entire expense of time & money can be avoided by simply extending the current "term" another year. Hopefully "keep it simple" will prevail here & thank you for considering my comments.

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Name: Jesse

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Comments for Public Posting: all-‘anything’ is a recipe for error and perversion when the very real and sensible option of a diversified approach is feasible, with regard to in person AND mail in voting. just as we learn to diversify our portfolios and our lives for obvious reasons, the gravity of voting should adhere to the same principles. moot may this be in the future, but as of now, our postal system seems to be undergoing changes that would NOT be conducive to efficient mail in voting, which could spell disaster in that future, which means a vote to move to ALL mail voting would mean we are purposely subverting our rights to vote. Thank you, all the best, to all. -j

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Name: Brigitte Kidd

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Comments for Public Posting: Where are the itemized budgets for voting; hybrid voting, VBM, and In-person from the City Clerk for stakeholders to view the comparison? Will the Online Voting Portal be done in-house, or will it be contracted out using the City BAVN portal? Cost? Who will test the Beta Online Voting Portal? Will it include NC board members and stakeholders? Will additional staff needs for ballot packets, counting, etc. Positions will be temporary, what is the hourly rate, and will these positions be open to communities hardest hit by Covid-19? What is the budget amount for the number of people needed to perform duties?