



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Agenda Item: 5

Advisory Information

Title: **Bylaws Amendment**

Action Discussion Informational

Date: January 28, 2014

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Attachments:

Requested Action

Action on the proposed amendment to the NCEC Bylaws.

Background

The current bylaws were adopted in February 2013. This followed a rewrite of the existing bylaws by a task force of commissioners.

In Section 13 of the bylaws which provides for the election of officers of the Commission, voting on the candidates is to done *signed paper ballots*. This provision has been discussed previously at Commission meetings with some arguing that signing ballots precludes a secret ballot and others arguing that voting on the election of officers should be public.

At the December meeting Commission Wetjen proposed a bylaws amendment to eliminate the requirement for a signed ballot and replace it with a vote by a show of hands. The proposed amendment below shows this proposal.

Recommendations

Bylaws Section 13.3.3 The Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of the seated commissioners present on the date of election. Proxy voting is prohibited. Voting for Executive Committee shall be done by ~~signed paper ballot~~ show of hands which shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.