

Recommendation of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee – 21 March 2024

Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation

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Approving Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Acting Chief
Operating Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Finance and Governance Committee considered the following Item at its Special meeting held on 21 March 2024 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendation for Council determination:

- Item 4.1 – Local Government Elections Participation Review – submission

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Recommendation 1** – Item 4.1 - Local Government Elections Participation Review – submission

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes results from the survey that closed on 10 March 2024 as shown in Attachment B and the results from the survey that closed on 21 March 2024 as shown in Attachment C on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024.
2. Endorses the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review provided as Attachment A (as amended reflecting inconclusive responses and clarification of the requirement for candidates to be citizens) to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024, including the changes agreed by the Committee during that meeting.
3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor editorial and formatting changes as required to finalise the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review by 28 March 2024.

DISCUSSION

1. The City Finance and Governance Committee met at a Special meeting of the Committee on Thursday 21 March 2024. The Agenda with public reports for the meeting can be viewed [here](#).
2. Where the resolution of the Committee differs from the recommendation published in the Committee agenda, the Committee's recommendation to the Council is listed first, with the original recommendation provided in grey and italics.
3. The following matter was the subject of deliberation:
 - 3.1. Item 4.1 – Local Government Elections Participation Review – submission

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For ease, Attachments A, B and C relating to Recommendation 1, Item 4.1, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

Original Recommendation as Printed in the CFG Committee Agenda

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DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – City Finance and Governance Committee Agenda

ATTACHMENTS

- END OF REPORT -

Attachment A

Local Government Elections Participation review - proposed City of Adelaide submission

Topic One – How people engage with their council

<p>What requirements should be set for councils' community engagement for what decisions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Adelaide (CoA) endorses the Local Government Association's (LGA) draft Community Engagement Charter (Charter) and supports the minimum consultation period for those activities outlined in that document. • Standardised engagement approach for those items listed in Category A in the LGA's draft charter.
<p>What should be included in the Charter and what should be left for councils' own community engagement policies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoA considers the current proposal outlined in the draft LGA Charter appropriate. • The engagement approach should be standardised for significant engagements and activities listed in Category A. • Other engagements should be based on principles and what the council wants to achieve rather than being prescriptive about the how.
<p>Should councils have the capacity to determine how they will engage with their communities, or should the Charter be more directive in its approach?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils should have the capacity to determine how they engage. • It is recognised, however, that there are some topics (such as those identified in Category A of the draft charter) that there would be a community expectation to a minimum consistent standard. • As a Capital City Council, it is essential that CoA is able to develop a consultation policy appropriate for its community. As a capital city, a significant part of our community is non-residents. As such, we need to ensure our engagement approach is fit for purpose.
<p>What other ideas do you have for councils' community engagement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a panel of hard-to-reach groups and stakeholders • CoA recognises the community's expectation of having plain English documents with both summarised and detailed information. • Councils must also communicate better regarding how community feedback has been incorporated into decisions. • Focus on building a relationship with the community rather than a one-way relationship of 'obtaining feedback'.
<p>Should councils be required to livestream their meetings and make recordings available?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoA has live-streamed its meetings and made them available on the internet before COVID-19. • Councils should ensure that the meetings are inclusive and accessible to all members of the Community • Council considers live streaming an essential service for those members of the community unable to attend meetings in person • It should remain the decision of individual Councils whether they do so.
<p>All metropolitan councils hold their council meetings during the evenings, but councils in regional areas often hold their meetings during business hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should be an individual decision for each council, as well as considering how this may impact community participation • Some regional councillors may have to travel long distances to attend meetings.
<p>Should councils be required to hold their meetings at a particular time to maximise community participation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rather than a prescriptive time and given that each community has different needs, where a council

<p>chooses to hold meetings during business hours, community consultation should occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This could occur as part of the adoption of the Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents.
<p>How should members be supported to engage directly with their communities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needs to be a clear delineation regarding context and purpose, i.e are they representing a Council-endorsed view or their own? • If Council Members speak on behalf of the Council, all correspondence and communications should be authorised. • Council Members should remain responsible for their statements.
<p>Should all council members be provided with a specific allowance to support constituent work, similar to the allowance that is provided to Members of Parliament?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be a decision of council as part of the Allowance and Benefit policy.
<p>What other ideas do you have to strengthen the relationship between council members and their local community members?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training as part of the Council Member Mandatory Training sessions on how to engage with communities. • This training should provide guidance on using social media as well as clarifying roles and responsibilities.

Topic two – How can we encourage a greater number of more diverse candidates?

<p>Would more, and a more diverse range of, people be attracted to the role if allowances were increased?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially, yes • Support a review of the construct of Council Member allowances, considering what the allowances are meant to be used for, and the expectations that community members have of Council Members. • Benchmarking should occur against interstate jurisdictions. • Awareness of what other reimbursements candidates are entitled to (such as babysitting, mileage, etc).
<p>Should council members be able to attend some council meetings electronically?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Adelaide Council does not have a consensus view on this issue
<p>Are there other efforts that councils could make to increase interest in standing over a council term, for example, by working with ratepayers or other community organisations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils already work extensively with community organisations to raise awareness concerning Local Government Elections and Nominations. <p>Would councils get a better local result if they make greater investments in local promotion and initiatives, particularly ahead of election periods?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Adelaide (and other councils) already do this.
<p>Should term limits for council members be introduced?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Adelaide Council does not have a consensus view on this issue

<p>Should people be required to complete an online course before nominating?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes, similar to Victoria. It is important for those wanting to be a Council Member to understand their roles and responsibilities and have had a thorough induction into Local Government.• This training should also include the legislative responsibilities of a candidate when campaigning.
<p>What forms of training could both benefit candidates and generate more community confidence in the people who are standing for election?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As above
<p>Should councils have a role in the nomination process?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Adelaide Council does not have a consensus view on this issue
<p>If ECSA continues to receive nominations directly, should there be a requirement for nominations to be published throughout the nomination process, not just at the end? If so, how should these be published?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECSA should publish on their website daily. Extra resources should be assigned to ECSA for this purpose.
<p>Should councils continue to have wards? If so, why? And if not, what would be the benefits of removing them? Should wards only be kept in councils where the council's size warrants their retention?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Adelaide Council does not have a consensus view on this issue
<p>Should potential boundary changes be referred to the South Australian Boundaries Commission when a council receives significantly fewer nominations than it has vacancies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Adelaide Council does not have a consensus view on this issue
<p>What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council Members• Adversarial nature of debate• Public scrutiny• Time commitment required• Not knowing that training and support are provided for members to do their role• Understanding of local government• Lack of support for the campaign
<p>What ideas do you have to increase nominations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Link to promotion – understanding of the role, making known the support available• Pre-mentor program started well before the election cycle• Mid-term programs promoting the role of the Council Member

Topic three – How can we achieve a better voter turnout?

<p>Is there any particular reason why councils do not warrant compulsory voting when the two other spheres of Australian governments do? Should voting for councils be compulsory in South Australian council elections?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compulsory voting should be introduced for the House of Assembly Roll in line with other jurisdictions across Australia.
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How should people vote for their councils?

Postal

- Postal voting is a very convenient method for the community.
- It is noted there were numerous complaints during the last election with residents not receiving voting material or receiving incorrect voting material.
- Delays by Australia Post meant some voting material wasn't reissued.
- If postal voting is to be continued - the Council should be able to reissue in the last week of the voting period

In Person

- If compulsory voting was introduced, voting in person could be introduced.
- If compulsory voting is not introduced, voter participation will likely decrease.

Should the franchise for council elections be changed in any way?

Form One

- The requirements for non-citizens to be entitled to enrol to vote should be tightened to ensure that there is a reasonable interest in the outcome of the election. It is suggested that they:
 - be a permanent resident or have the right to work
 - provide proof of identity, status and residence when completing the forms.
- Noting that candidates must be Australian citizens, it is important that candidates will be able to fulfil their term of office.
- This process should be managed by ECSA with consideration given to language barriers.

Should council elections be moved to a different year from South Australian Government elections?

- Running the state and local government elections in the same year puts increased strain on ECSA's finite resources.
- A move to a different year may increase the local government elections profile.

Should councils have a stronger role in promoting elections locally to increase voter turnout?

- Councils already play a large role in local promotion.
- Better coordination between ECSA and LGA campaigns and collateral would be beneficial.

Would removing wards provide voters with greater choice, and produce fairer results?

- City of Adelaide Council does not have a consensus view on this issue.

What information should candidates be required to include with their nominations?

- Political affiliations
- Live in the council area (and what ward)
- A Declaration form (similar to register of interest) which has the same public information as serving Council Members have.

Is it fair for someone who has 'served their time' to have to release this information?

- Candidates should meet minimum eligibility requirement (similar to ASX director requirements, working with children check).
- That a candidate meets the minimum eligibility requirements to nominate is what the community should be informed of, not personal details.

Is there a role for councils to play in enabling all candidates to reach potential voters?

- It is a decision for each Council if they would like to run information sessions such as candidate nights etc.

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- Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council Members
- Adversarial nature of debate
- Public scrutiny
- Time commitment required
- Not knowing that training and support is provided for members to do their role
- Understanding of local government
- Lack of support to campaign.

Topic 4 – Election improvements

Should all residential enrolments to be managed by AEC?

- Currently individual councils manage Form 1 enrolment applications for residential individuals who do not currently qualify for entry on to the House of Assembly roll.
- An improvement would be for all residential enrolments regardless of the individual's status (citizen or not) be managed by the ECSA and included on the House of Assembly roll.

Are statute amendments significantly problematic?

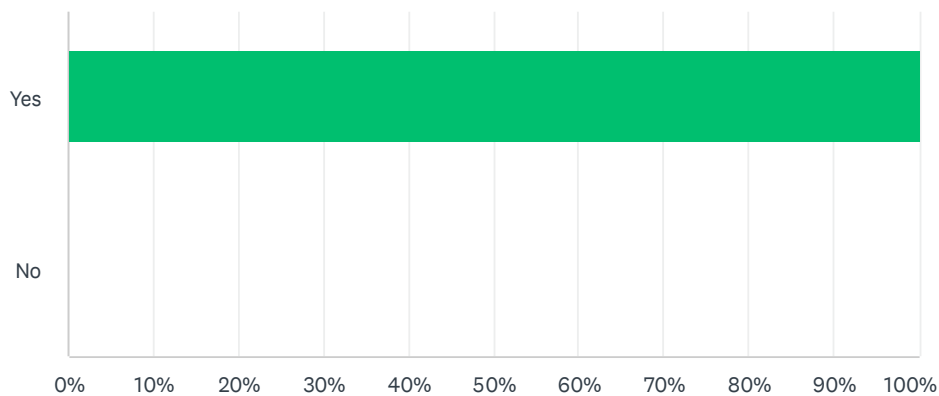
- The changes imposed on CoA under the recent Statute Amendments:
- Impose obligations on Council staff which are very labour intensive and costly, to be performed within very limited timeframes on top of current election activities and existing timeframes.
- Additional FTE/s required as:
 - new template correspondence will need to be drafted and sent to all bodies corporate and groups on the voter's roll;
 - dealing with nominations received from bodies corporate and groups will require data entry, and will also require checking whether the nominated person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voter's roll (in which case they are not eligible persons)
 - the process for nominating 'default persons' for bodies corporate (and groups which include bodies corporate) which do not nominate their own eligible person relies upon data held in ASIC's database and therefore might not be possible to automate to any great extent)
 - the process for nominating 'default persons' also requires checking whether the potential default person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voters' roll
 - redactions will need to be made to the version of voters roll available for inspection by the public; (In practice would be problematic)
 - all of the above must occur within strict timeframes; and
 - There are a significant number of bodies corporate and groups on the Council's voters roll compared to other councils, and the above steps must be applied for all of those bodies corporate and groups.
- These obligations are in addition to the Council and the CEO's existing obligations which are already complex and challenging and may well require changes to the current system in place that produce the voter's roll.
- CoA nominating a default nominee may disenfranchise a number of bodies corporate and groups solely on the irrational basis of what letter people's surnames begin with; and
- In some cases, invest the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with the unusual power to 'choosing'; who can vote.
- No similar amendments are being made with respect to any other Council.
- In relation to achieving the above obligations, Council believes the costs associated with additional FTE requirements, postage and potential changes to systems would be well in excess of \$100,000.

Should the existing voting eligibility for Head Lease holders be changed?

- Currently a holder of a headlease who is not in occupation of the land (i.e. a head lessee who has wholly sub-let property to another) is considered an 'owner' under the Local Government Act 1999.
- When this situation occurs, under the Act neither party is eligible to be enrolled to vote in their own right. Instead, they must be enrolled as a group of owners.
- An unattended consequence is that each unique owner and head lessee combination would constitute a unique voter's group.
- In relation to the above, there are significant practical issues in that Council is expected to somehow know of and record the details of all owners, including people who hold leases but do not occupy the land.
- While the Council learns of changes to ownership through the LTO, there is no practical way to learn of changes to commercial leasing arrangements.
- The Council's system can record the property owner and the occupier but is not able to accurately record and capture head lessees and reflect the correct voting entitlement.
- Further, it is unlikely that property owners and headlease holders would be aware they are only entitled to a group voting entitlement.

Q1 What requirements should be set for councils' community engagement for what decisions? CoA Comment: The City of Adelaide (CoA) endorses the Local Government Association's (LGA) draft Community Engagement Charter (Charter) and supports the minimum consultation period for those activities outlined in that document. Standardised engagement approach for those items listed in Category A in the LGA's draft charter.

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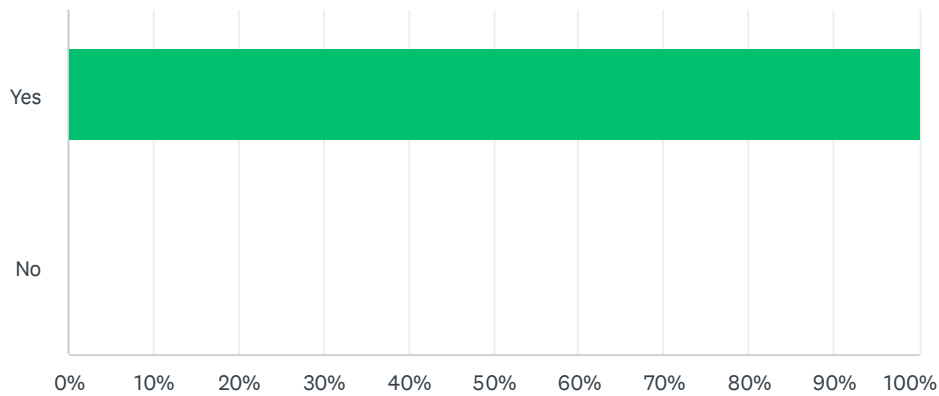


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 4
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q2 What should be included in the Charter and what should be left for councils' own community engagement policies? CoA Comment: CoA considers the current proposal outlined in the draft LGA Charter appropriate. The engagement approach should be standardised for significant engagements and activities listed in Category A. Other engagements should be based on principles and what the council wants to achieve rather than being prescriptive about the how.

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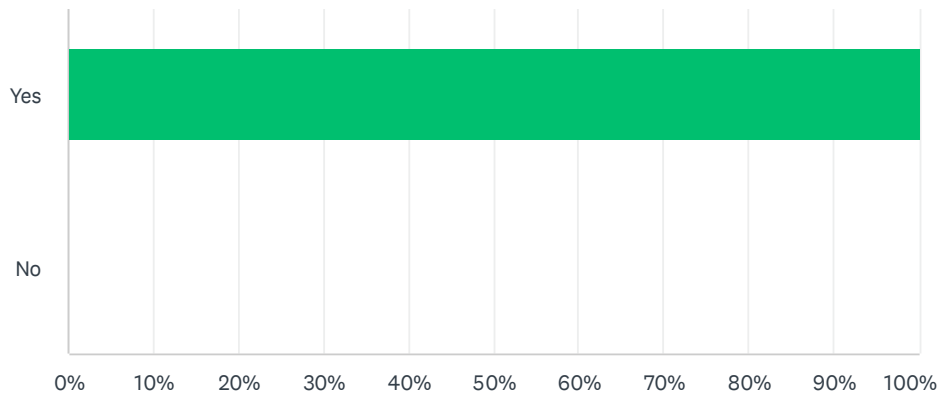


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Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

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Q3 Should councils have the capacity to determine how they will engage with their communities, or should the Charter be more directive in its approach?
 CoA Comment: Councils should have the capacity to determine how they engage. It is recognised, however, that there are some topics (such as those identified in Category A of the draft charter) that there would be a community expectation to a minimum consistent standard. As a Capital City Council, it is essential that CoA is able to develop a consultation policy appropriate for its community. As a capital city, a significant part of our community is non-residents. As such, we need to ensure our engagement approach is fit for purpose.

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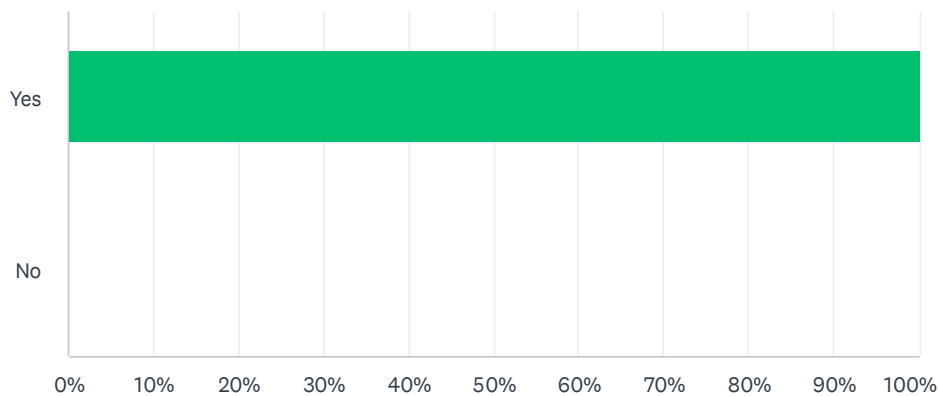
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No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	2

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Q4 What other ideas do you have for councils' community engagement?

CoA Comment: Having a panel of hard-to-reach groups and stakeholders CoA recognises the community's expectation of having plain English documents with both summarised and detailed information. Councils must also communicate better regarding how community feedback has been incorporated into decisions Focus on building a relationship with the community rather than a one-way relationship of 'obtaining feedback'.

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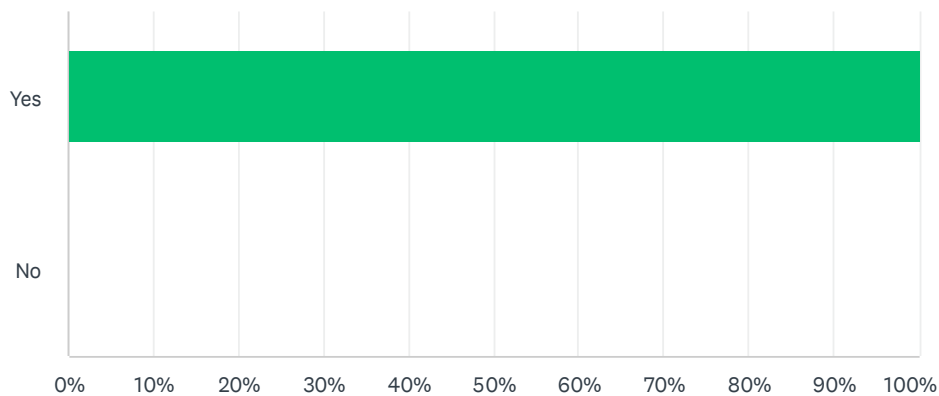
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Yes	100.00% 3
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Genuine consultation needs to happen	3/5/2024 2:17 PM
2	Yes ... engage with advisory groups charged with providing feedback who then engage with Council or Committee meetings	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q5 How would you like to see councils engage with you?CoA

Comment:Feedback from we have heard from the community via our engagement activities includes the following:Longer consultation periods so group submissions can be madeRegular events where community members can discuss matters directly with the Lord Mayor and Councillors. The community is informed of the decision made and the outcome as a result of the feedback they have provided (closing the loop).

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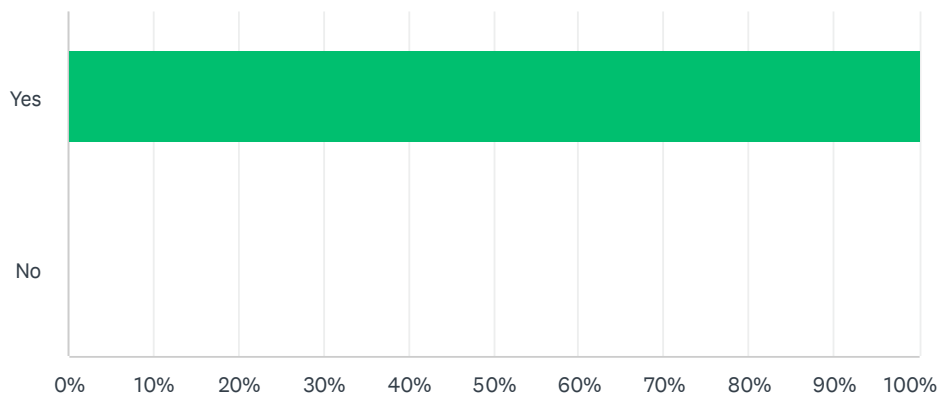


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1	Regular events for constituents to engage with the LM and Councillors. Reinstate LM fora for resident groups and precinct groups and expand to include randomly identified individuals to be asked to attend discussions with LM and Councillors 3 times a year	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q6 Should councils be required to livestream their meetings and make recordings available?
CoA Comment: CoA has live-streamed its meetings and made them available on the internet before COVID-19. Councils should ensure that the meetings are inclusive and accessible to all members of the Community Council considers live streaming an essential service for those members of the community unable to attend meetings in person. It should remain the decision of individual Councils whether they do so.

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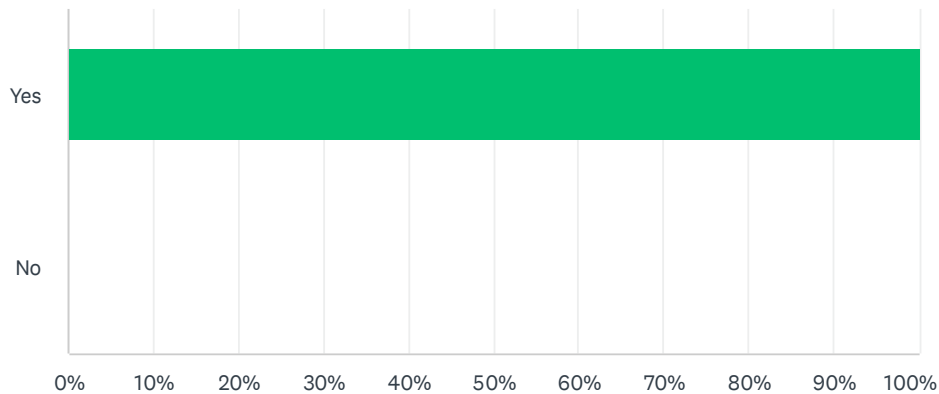


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1	Continue live streaming but more efficiently (CofA livestreams often miss the start and drop in and out). Add subtitles (automatically generated) as the audio is not as good as it could be. Make agenda for Council, Committee, Audit and Risk, Reconciliation etc more widely available ... including on paper at libraries and community centres	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q7 All metropolitan councils hold their council meetings during the evenings, but councils in regional areas often hold their meetings during business hours. CoA Comment: This should be an individual decision for each council, as well as considering how this may impact community participation. Some regional councillors may have to travel long distances to attend meetings.

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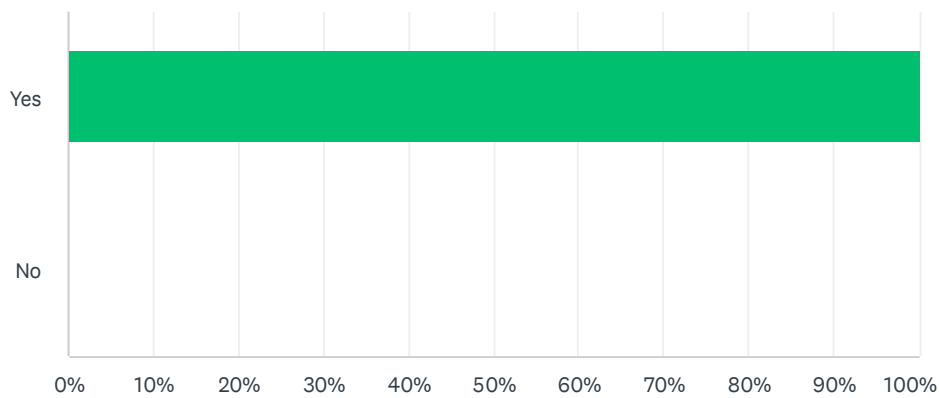


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No	0.00% 0
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#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Strongly support this. Day time meetings would prevent many Elected Members from attending meetings.	3/5/2024 4:02 PM
2	Capital City Council meetings should be held at evenings when they are accessible to ratepayers with work or child minding responsibilities	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q8 Should councils be required to hold their meetings at a particular time to maximise community participation?
 CoA Comment Rather than a prescriptive time and given that each community has different needs, where a council chooses to hold meetings during business hours, community consultation should occur. This could occur as part of the adoption of the Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents.

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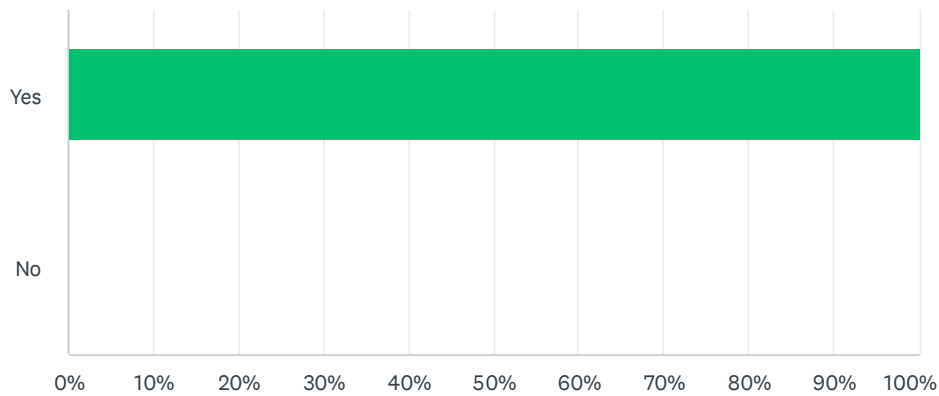


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Yes	100.00% 4
No	0.00% 0
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1	Formal Council and Committee meetings should continue to be held when ratepayers can attend outside of working or family responsibilities. It may be appropriate when discussing particular community matters to hold meetings or parts of a meeting in community locations at times other than outside of hours.	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q9 How should members be supported to engage directly with their communities? CoA Comment: There needs to be a clear delineation regarding context and purpose, i.e are they representing a Council-endorsed view or their own? If Council Members speak on behalf of the Council, all correspondence and communications should be authorised. Council Members should remain responsible for their statements.

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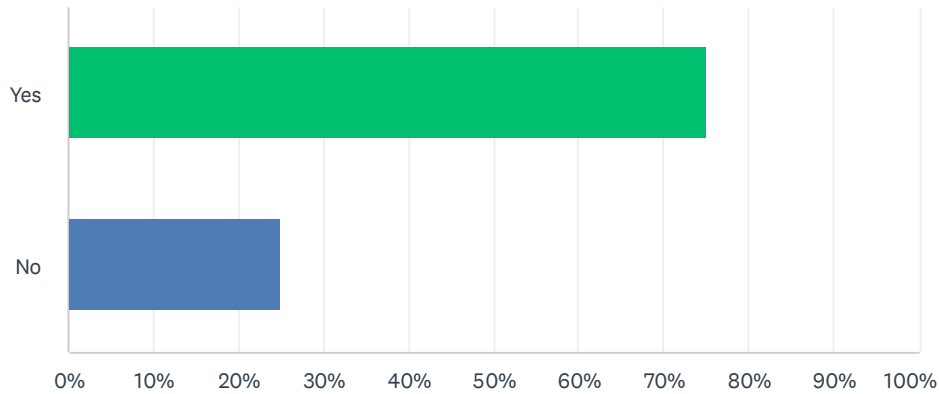


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Q10 Should all council members be provided with a specific allowance to support constituent work, similar to the allowance that is provided to Members of Parliament? CoA Comment: Should be a decision of council as part of the Allowance and Benefit policy.

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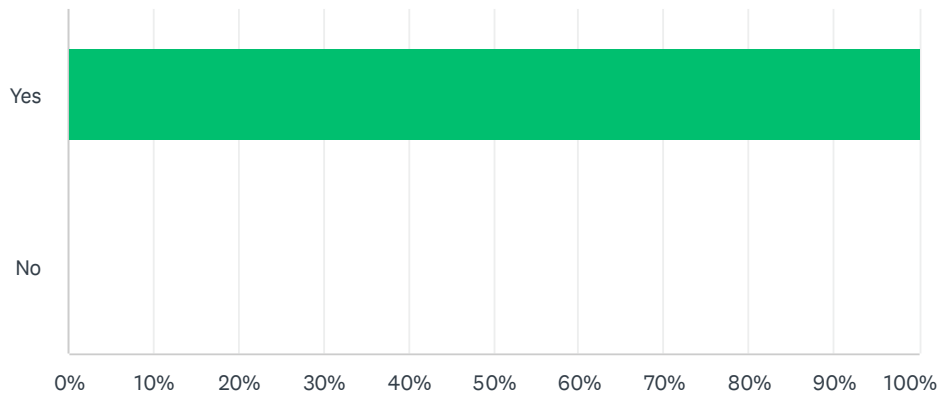


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Yes	75.00%	3
No	25.00%	1
TOTAL		4

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1	Should be a statewide amount set by the regulator.	3/5/2024 2:17 PM
2	Communication is costly and an allowance or even assistance with printing and distribution would be helpfyl	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q11 What other ideas do you have to strengthen the relationship between council members and their local community members? CoA Comment: Training as part of the Council Member Mandatory Training sessions on how to engage with communities. This training should provide guidance on using social media as well as clarifying roles and responsibilities.

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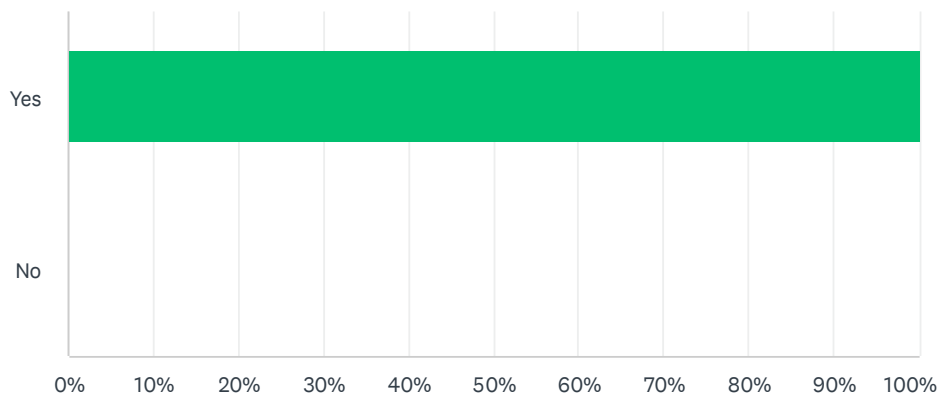


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1	social media activity by elected members needs to be governed by stricter rules with potential bad behaviours detailed	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q1 Would more, and a more diverse range of, people be attracted to the role if allowances were increased? CoA Comment: Potentially, yes Support a review of the construct of Council Member allowances, considering what the allowances are meant to be used for, and the expectations that community members have of Council Members. Benchmarking should occur against interstate jurisdictions. Awareness of what other reimbursements candidates are entitled to (such as babysitting, mileage, etc).

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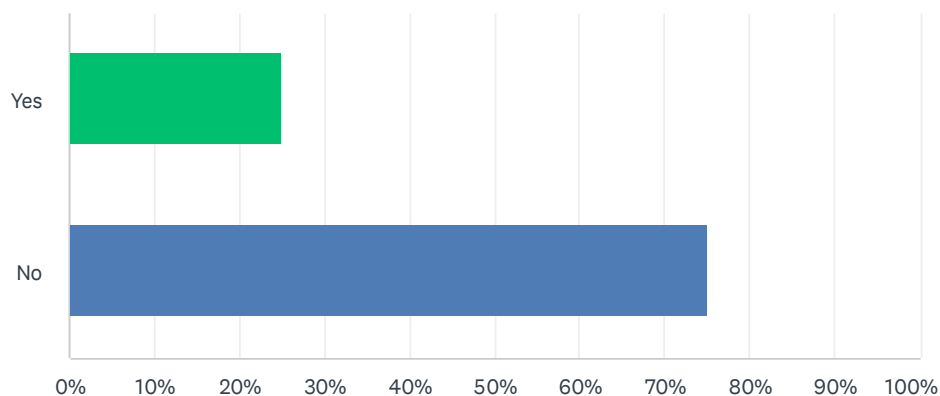


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1	Although financial compensation should not be a driving factor I think that being a Councillor and executing this role as well as you can is very time consuming. If people don't have other financial support then this would be a deciding factor. Also if a person has a full time role they may need to reduce hours to do the role justice so the allowance could be seen to compensate the loss of income. Community members who elect people want (or should) their representatives to have the expertise, skills and experience - therefore it shouldn't be just for people who can 'afford' to throw their hat in the ring.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	A better explanation of the commitment would also be useful in ensuring those who accept the role understand the volume of reading and site visits necessary to understand what they are being asked to deliberate on	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q2 Should council members be able to attend some council meetings electronically? CoA Comment: Electronic attendance may assist flexibility, allowing Council Members to attend when they otherwise may not be able to. The ability to attend a meeting electronically should be a discretionary provision in the legislation. It should be a decision for each Council regarding: - If it will accommodate this and- Include in its Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures (including how confidentiality will be protected).

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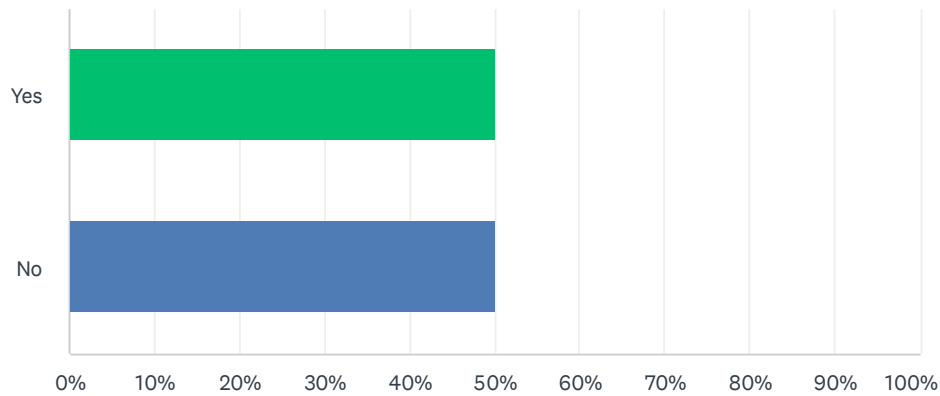


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	25.00% 1
No	75.00% 3
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Although I said no this is more for Council meetings. If committee or 'other' I think that should be accepted especially if it is for good reason and circumstances has put the Councillor in a situation where they didn't have the time to organise for example a baby-sitter etc.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Instead meetings and venues should be inclusive including access, timing, support and translation. The format and culture of meetings should consider diversity.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
3	Electronic attendances in only extraordinary cases and under strict rules. We have had a Councillor reportedly flirt with the idea of living outside of South Australia for extended periods which is not acceptable. The City of Adelaide has also had Committee meetings chaired electronically by individuals seated in the offices of members of parliament ... who, in turn, were closely identified with party politics. Moreover, confidentiality cannot be dealt with satisfactorily where the presiding member cannot be certain the all people hearing confidential matters in remote locations are, indeed, alone as can be determined when meeting in person. this is a very complex area other levels of government in Australia have not resolved and which requires much serious discussion.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
4	I would be supportive of special dispensation being given to councillors to attend committees virtually. But in person meetings for the main deliberative meetings unless entire council is unable to meet (ie covid lockdown).	2/26/2024 12:31 PM

Q3 Are there other efforts that councils could make to increase interest in standing over a council term, for example, by working with ratepayers or other community organisations? CoA Comment: Councils already work extensively with community organisations to raise awareness concerning Local Government Elections and Nominations.

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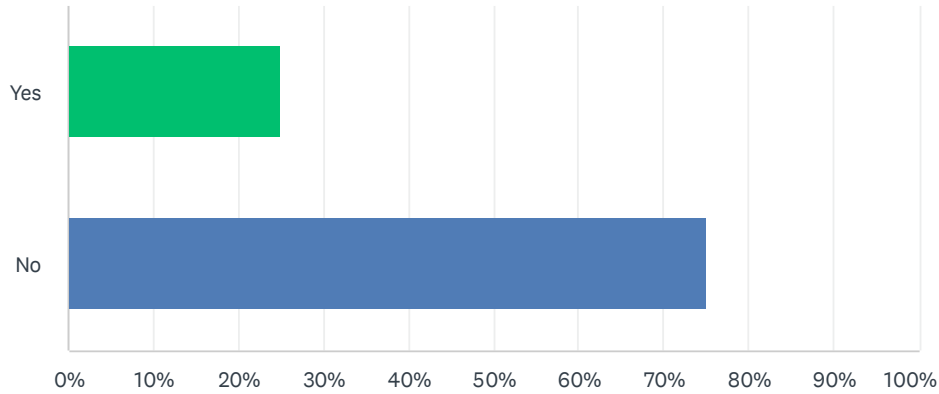
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.00% 2
No	50.00% 2
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	I think there should be more information sessions that includes existing Councillors and also the governance team. Even being a former CEO of a Council does not prepare someone for the complexities of being an Elected Member.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Need a targeted strategy to ensure the make up of councils reflects their community. Also the need to live or work in the council area. This keeps people better connected and makes sure others see the council at work.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
3	This is a contentious area. In the last Council elections the City of Adelaide sent staff to locations where some ratepayers were in attendance, mainly offices and shops, and provided directions regarding enrolments. No similar initiative existed for other groups of ratepayers raising the possibility of accusations that this was a very subjective campaign. Even a Council subsidiary, AEDA, resolved in a minuted decision to target business to encourage greater voter turnout among that group and that group alone. The Council Administration and subsidiaries are supposed to be independent of the political process. If they become part of the process, then, as happens, at State and Federal levels, parts of the Administrations and subsidiaries are at risk of not being trusted by the politically elected and of being subject to change at each election. Generic campaigns about "don't forget to enrol" are the only campaigns in which Council Administrations should participate.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q4 Should term limits for council members be introduced?CoA

Comment:It is noted that the institutionalised knowledge long-serving Council Members bringThese members have served for a long time because their community continues to choose them to represent this.If term limits are to be introduced, three consecutive terms are proposed (12 years).

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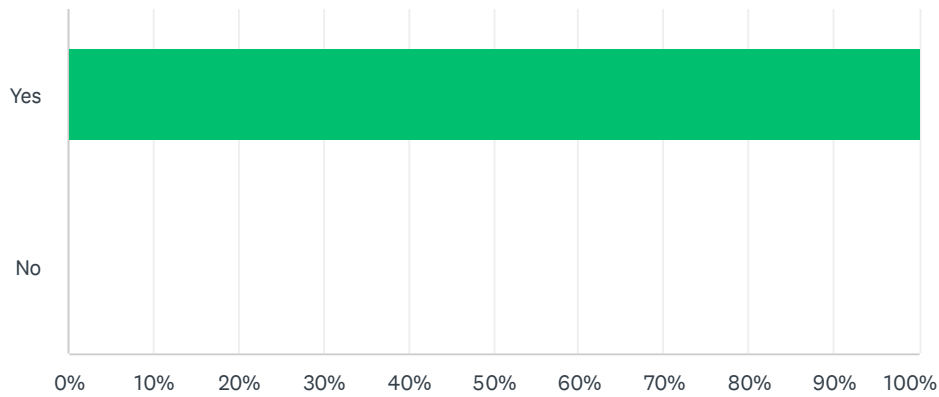


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	25.00% 1
No	75.00% 3
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	If the community wants to vote in an individual they should be able to - democracy!	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Just as the Council administration is served well by experienced staff with 10, 15 or 20 years of experience, so too is the elected body. A mixture of experience and the exuberance and fresh approaches of the newly elected potentially serves communities well.... and, indeed, this is the environment in most LGAs in South Australia. But it would be somewhat discriminatory for there to be no limit on Lord Mayoral terms, as is the case in the CofA, and limits on other elected members and no time limits at all on any elected member on any other level of Government ... State or federal ... in South Australia.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
3	No term limits. Voters to decide on elected member tenure.	2/26/2024 12:31 PM

Q5 Should people be required to complete an online course before nominating? CoA Comment: Yes, similar to Victoria. It is important for those wanting to be a Council Member to understand their roles and responsibilities and have had a thorough induction into Local Government. This training should also include the legislative responsibilities of a candidate when campaigning

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 4
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	As much information as possible communicated in various ways is what is required.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM

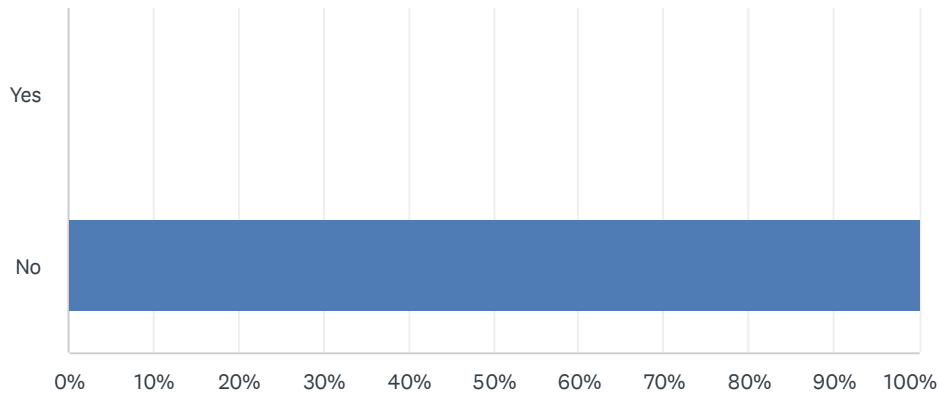
Q6 What forms of training could both benefit candidates and generate more community confidence in the people who are standing for election?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Many more information sessions, Q&A's with candidates, Q&A's with existing Councillors - similar training sessions to the mandatory sessions especially around behaviours.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Roles and responsibilities and the three tiers of Australian government	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
3	ICAC training	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q7 Should councils have a role in the nomination process?CoA Comment:No

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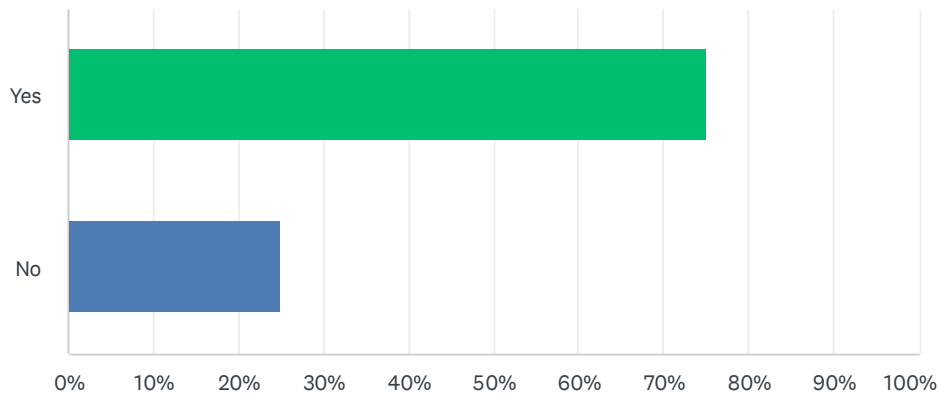


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Yes	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	3
TOTAL		3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Definitely not as this would encourage factions.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	How does a body directed by an elected body ... often driven by party politics ... have an objective role in a key part of a democratic process?	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q8 If ECSA continues to receive nominations directly, should there be arequirement for nominations to be published throughout the nomination process, not just at the end? If so, how should these be published?
 CoA Comment:ECSA should publish on their website daily. Extra resources should be assigned to ECSA for this purpose.

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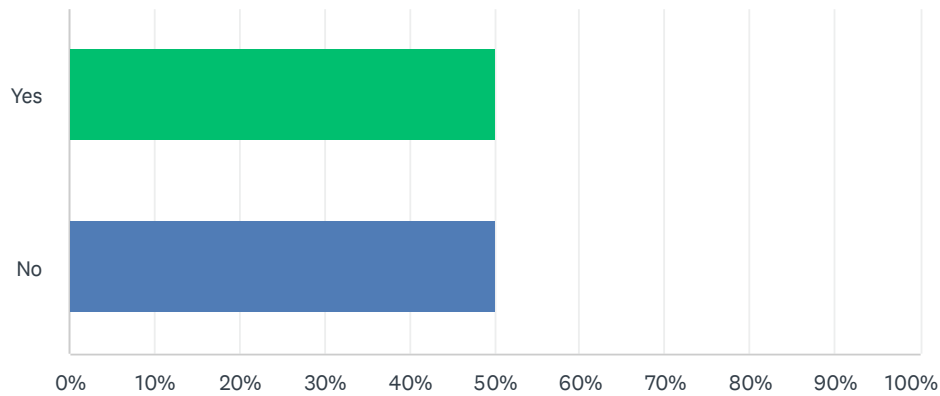
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.00% 3
No	25.00% 1
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	The more transparency in the processs the better and if people see other people they know nominate it may actually encourage them.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	This could be manipulated by candidates.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM

Q9 Should councils continue to have wards? If so, why? And if not, what would be the benefits of removing them? Should wards only be kept in councils where the council's size warrants their retention?CoA

Comment:It should be up to the Community to decide how they want to be represented and what (if any) ward structure they think is appropriate.

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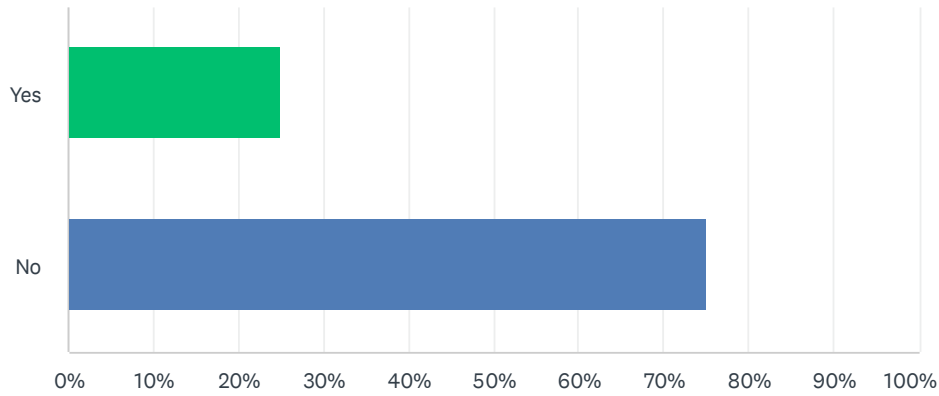


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.00% 1
No	50.00% 1
TOTAL	2

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	I'm very much an anti-ward person. Simply because Councillors have to vote on the entire LG area they are elected to and not just their Ward. There may be an argument if the Council if it is a Council over a large geographical area.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	If compulsory voting then wards should continue but if voluntary voting then the electorate is too small to get quality candidates. I like the local connection and knowledge.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
3	The principle is already established and vital for the proper functioning of LGAs - especially in regional areas. Why should City residents not have the advantage of country residents?	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
4	I think removing wards would be beneficial to the CoA as we're such a geographically small council	2/26/2024 12:31 PM

Q10 Should potential boundary changes be referred to the South Australian Boundaries Commission when a council receives significantly fewer nominations than it has vacancies?CoA Comment:No. There are several reasons why Councils do not receive enough nominations.

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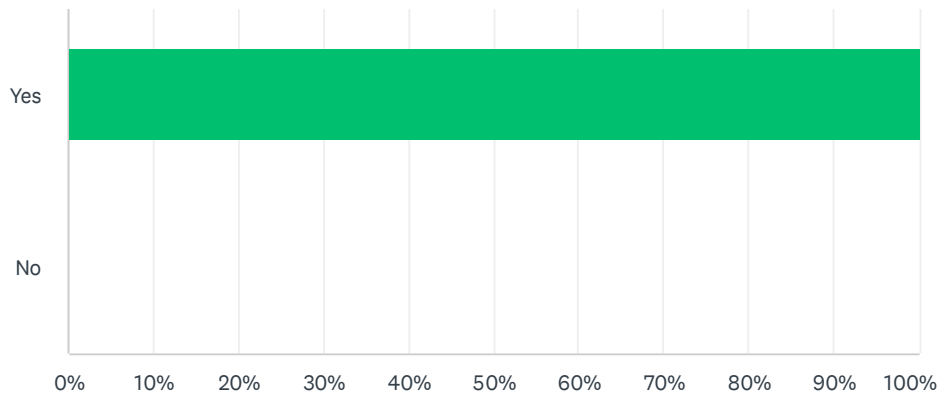


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	25.00% 1
No	75.00% 3
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	If this happens it is probably another problem than boundaries.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM

Q11 What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?
CoA Comment: Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council Members
 Adversarial nature of debate
 Public scrutiny
 Time commitment required
 Not knowing that training and support are provided for members to do their role
 Understanding of local government
 Lack of support for the campaign

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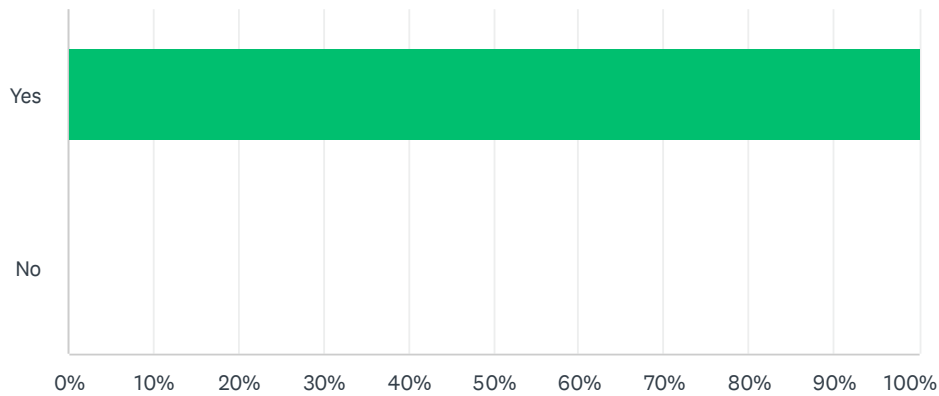


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 4
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	All of the above including financial and family commitments I could not be an Elected Member if I had a full-time role and kids and especially if I was a single parent. It is so much more than just having baby-sitters available.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Also the itical nature of some of the behaviour and the use of local government as a personal career move or stepping stone. Rigidity in meeting procedure and rules about caucuses. Being an individual is very hard and scary. We need the chance to discuss things before we are in the spot light	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
3	The absence of administrative support which has diminished to a point where it is but a fraction of what was available The increasing participation of political parties that resource candidates and elected members to the disadvantage of people who are independent The onerous provisions of behavioral code complaints	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q12 What ideas do you have to increase nominations?CoA
Comment:Link to promotion – understanding of the role, making known the support available Pre-mentor program started well before the election cycle Mid-term programs promoting the role of the Council Member

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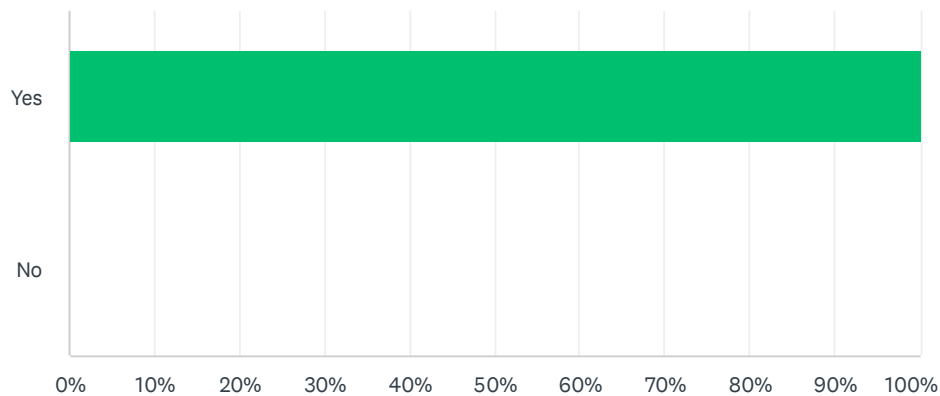


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	I've emphasized the importance of additional sessions with both current Councillors and Administration beyond just during election periods. Ideally, initiating these sessions a year in advance would be my preference. Furthermore, we must address the issue of encouraging more women to nominate for these roles. I've encountered instances where younger women withdrew their nominations upon realizing the significant time and commitment demanded by the position. Balancing these responsibilities with personal and professional commitments can seem insurmountable, especially considering that women still predominantly assume the role of primary caregivers for their families, including children and elderly parents.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Fix what's wrong with perceptions about the downsides too	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q1 Is there any particular reason why councils do not warrant compulsory voting when the two other spheres of Australian governments do? Should voting for councils be compulsory in South Australian council elections?
CoA Comment: Compulsory voting should be introduced for the House of Assembly Roll in line with other jurisdictions across Australia

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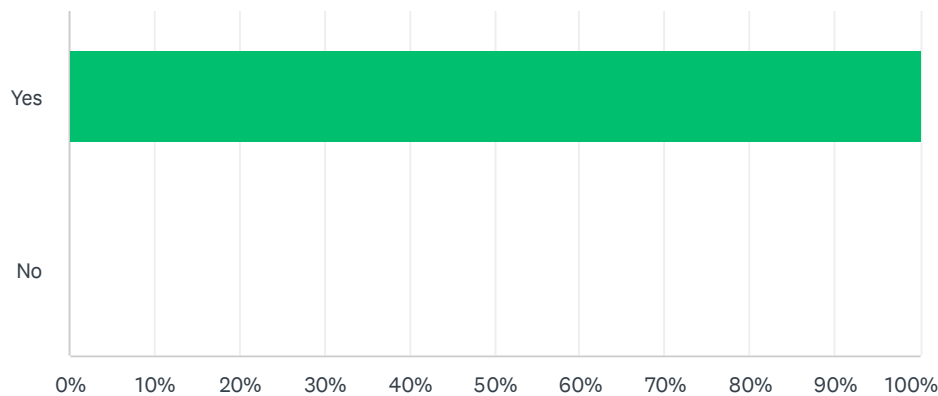
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 4
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	By LG elections not being mandatory makes it look like that this level of government is less important than State and Federal LG is essential for the 'health' of a community -I would like to see the other two levels of government take-over - rates, rubbish and roads and all the other community services!?	3/6/2024 10:16 AM

Q2 How should people vote for their councils?CoA

Comment:PostalPostal voting is a very convenient method for the community.It is noted there were numerous complaints during the last election with residents not receiving voting material or receiving incorrect voting material.Delays by Australia Post meant some voting material wasn't reissued.If postal voting is to be continued - the Council should be able to reissue in the last week of the voting periodIn PersonIf compulsory voting was introduced, voting in person could be introduced. If compulsory voting is not introduced, voter participation will likely decrease

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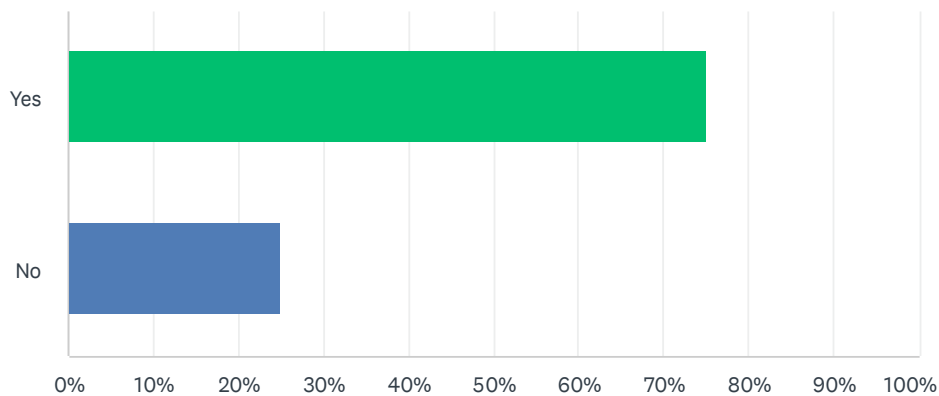
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	3
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Voting should reflect how we operate in other areas of our lives - so both postal and electronic should be an option- especially if not mandated.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Strongly support in person voting	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
3	Compulsory, in person voting will lead to a highly politicised lga environment where the candidates will be in training for higher political office. In the City of Adelaide, it would also be difficult to overcome the particular problems with allowing votes associated with a supplementary roll for non resident property owners. Leave it voluntary, with ... as with State and Federal ... the possibility of postal votes and in person votes to assist in minimizing electoral vote rigging.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
4	I support compulsory (for HoA roll voters) with in person elections. (Postal remain for those that require it, similar to state and federal elections).	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q3 Should the franchise for council elections be changed in any way?

CoA Comment:Form OneThe requirements for non-citizens should be tightened to ensure that there is a reasonable interest in the outcome of the election, and, if a candidate, that the candidate will be able to fulfil their term of office. It is suggested that they:- Be a permanent resident or have the right to work. - Provide proof of identity, status and residence when completing the forms.This process should be managed by ECSA with consideration given to language barriers.

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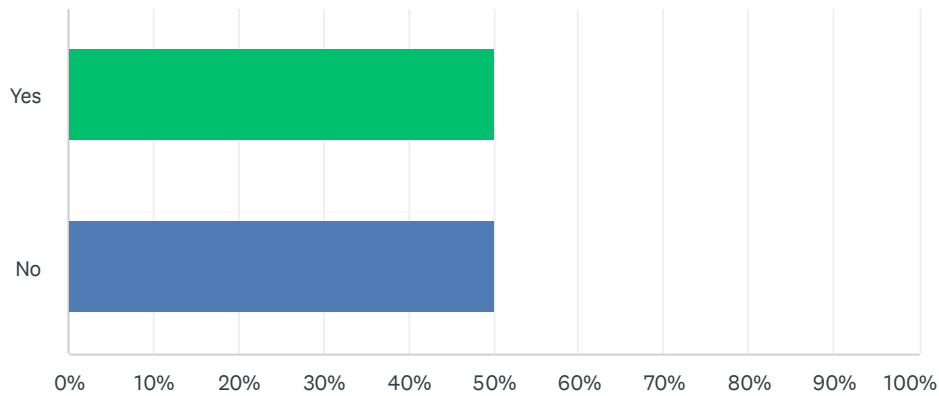


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.00% 3
No	25.00% 1
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	A person should NOT be able to vote or nominate unless they have been a resident of the area for a least 1 year.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Absolutely	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
3	Citizens and permanent residents.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q4 Should council elections be moved to a different year from South Australian Government elections? CoA Comment: Running the state and local government elections in the same year puts increased strain on ECSA's finite resources. A move to a different year may increase the local government elections profile.

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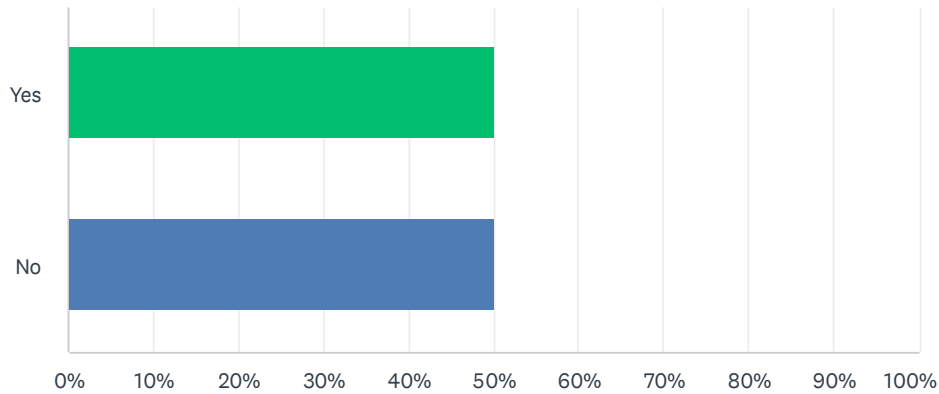


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.00% 2
No	50.00% 2
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Support the same year	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
2	Year after State elections.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
3	A number of unsuccessful candidates from the state election might want to run in their local council area. The current timeline provides an adequate 7-8 month gap between the two elections.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q5 Should councils have a stronger role in promoting elections locally to increase voter turnout? CoA Comment: Councils already play a large role in local promotion. Better coordination between ECSA and LGA campaigns and collateral would be beneficial.

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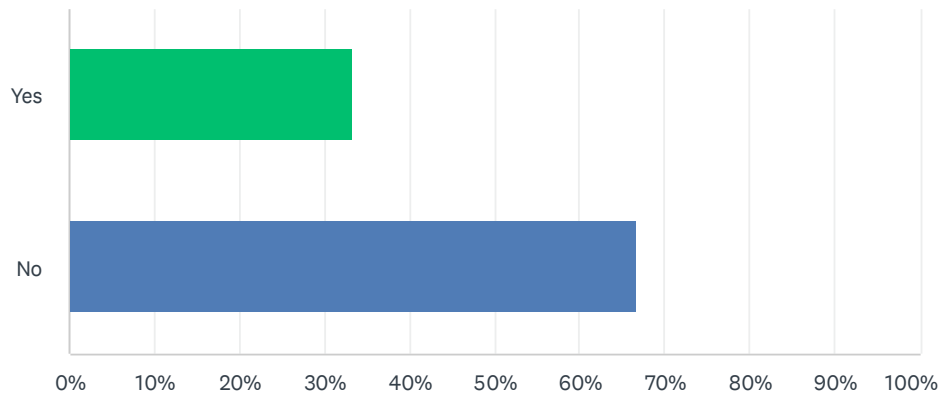


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.00% 2
No	50.00% 2
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	A more collaborative process between the LGASA, ECSA and the LG area should occur and not just at the 11th hour.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Compulsory voting for HoA roll would significantly increase turnout.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q6 Would removing wards provide voters with greater choice, and produce fairer results? CoA Comment: In the City of Adelaide, it could decrease voter turnout, some voters currently vote in a number of wards (as they may live in one ward and own businesses in other wards). The decision to remove wards should be up to that Community (as above).

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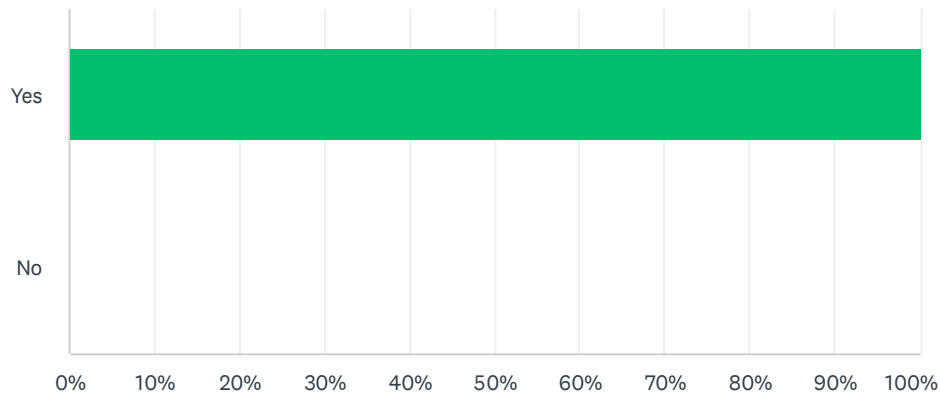


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	33.33% 1
No	66.67% 2
TOTAL	3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	As stated previously I do not support Wards as the EM is making decisions on the entire LG area they represent NOT just their Ward.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Support removal of wards	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
3	If it isn't broken don't fix it	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
4	Remove wards	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q7 Is it fair for someone who has 'served their time' to have to release this information? COA Comment: Candidates should meet minimum eligibility requirement (similar to ASX director requirements, working with children check). That a candidate meets the minimum eligibility requirements to nominate is what the community should be informed of, not personal details.

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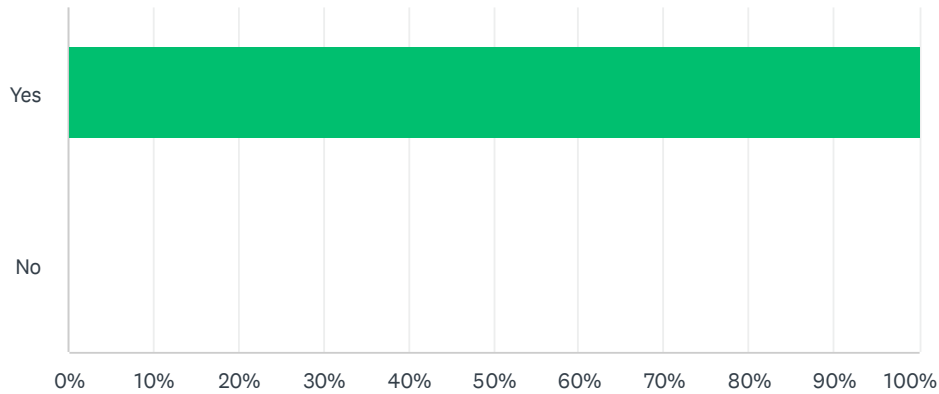


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 3
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	For all the reasons why other Boards do this not just ASX directors. People who are nominating should be required to have a DIN.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	No opinion	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q8 What information should candidates be required to include with their nominations?
 CoA Comment: Political affiliations Live in the council area (and what ward)
 A Declaration form (similar to register of interest) which has the same public information as serving Council Members have

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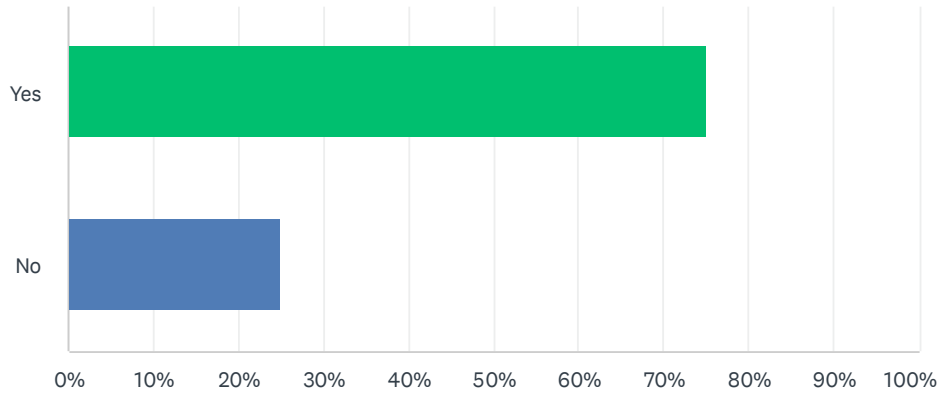


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	I think it is critical that an Elected Member lives and or works in the area. The issue to address is people who 'just move in' so they can nominate and then 'move out' when people aren't noticing. Also if a person decides to run for State or Federal government they should be forced to resign from Council. It would be very clear at that time what political party they are supporting and this would most likely influence their decision making and LG EM's should be 'A political'.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Political affiliations in the past five years ... not just a year. Also residential address for the past two years must be declared as part of one's candidacy and there should be a constant requirement to update residential address where the address changes to one outside of the lga represented. There have been shocking instances of candidates moving to an lga 8 weeks before an election and then out of the same lga to one they do not represent only weeks after an election. Such practices serve to destroy voter confidence in our system of government.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM

Q9 Is there a role for councils to play in enabling all candidates to reach potential voters? CoA Comment: It is a decision for each Council if they would like to run information sessions such as candidate nights etc.

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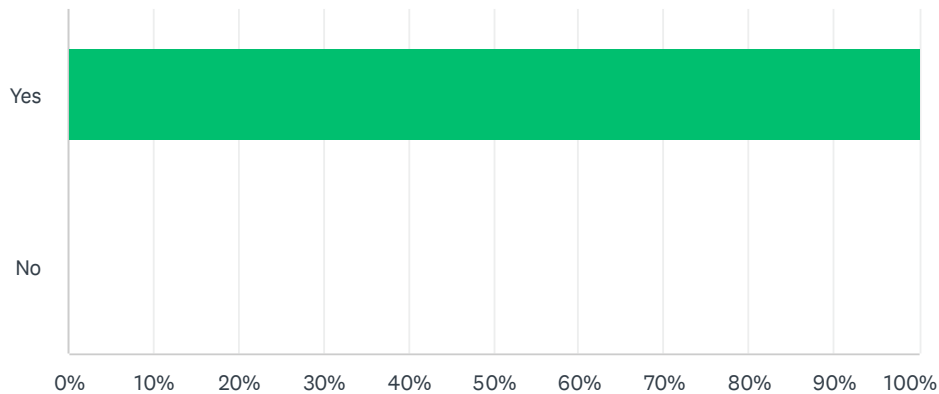


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.00% 3
No	25.00% 1
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	However this must be executed fairly.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Some candidates work a lot harder than others to reach potential voters. It's not the councils job to prop up ineffective candidates.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q10 What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?
 CoA Comment: Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council Members
 Adversarial nature of debate
 Public scrutiny
 Time commitment required
 Not knowing that training and support is provided for members to do their role
 Understanding of local government
 Lack of support to campaign

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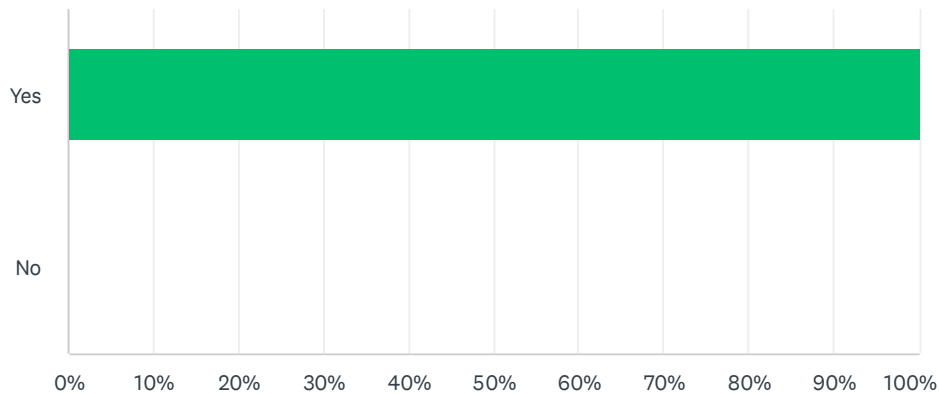
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Yes	100.00% 1
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	1

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Time, money and family commitments etc. as mentioned previously.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	previously answered	3/4/2024 12:47 PM

Q1 All residential enrolments to be managed by AEC?CoA

Comment:Currently individual councils manage Form 1 enrolment applications for residential individuals who do not currently qualify for entry on to the House of Assembly roll.An improvement would be for all residential enrolments regardless of the individual’s status (citizen or not) be managed by the ECSA and included on the House of Assembly roll.

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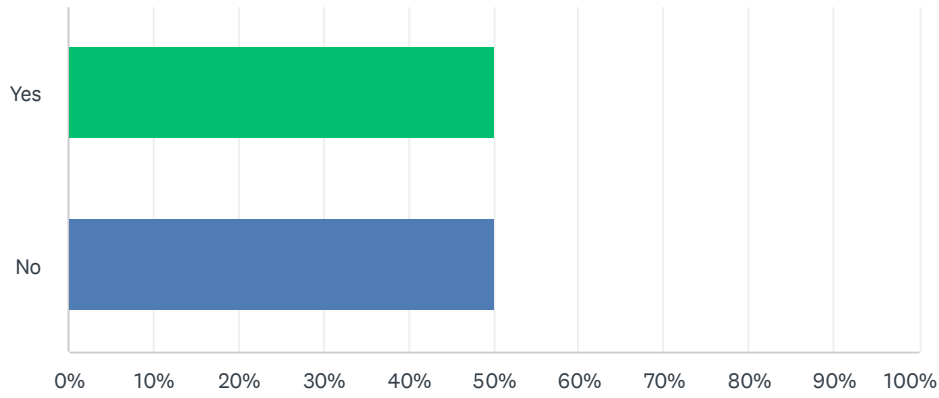
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 2
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	2

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Consistency	3/6/2024 10:27 AM

Q2 Statute Amendments are significantly problematic?CoA

Comment: The changes imposed on CoA under the recent Statute Amendments: Impose obligations on Council staff which are very labour-intensive and costly, to be performed within very limited timeframes on top of current election activities and existing timeframes. Additional FTE/s required as: - new template correspondence will need to be drafted and sent to all bodies corporate and groups on the voter's roll; - dealing with nominations received from bodies corporate and groups will require data entry, and will also require checking whether the nominated person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voter's roll (in which case they are not eligible persons); - the process for nominating 'default persons' for bodies corporate (and groups which include bodies corporate) which do not nominate their own eligible person relies upon data held in ASIC's database and therefore might not be possible to automate to any great extent; - the process for nominating 'default persons' also requires checking whether the potential default person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voters' roll; - redactions will need to be made to the version of voters roll available for inspection by the public; (In practice would be problematic)- all of the above must occur within strict timeframes; and There are a significant number of bodies corporate and groups on the Council's voters roll compared to other councils, and the above steps must be applied for all of those bodies corporate and groups. These obligations are in addition to the Council and the CEO's existing obligations which are already complex and challenging and may well require changes to the current system in place that produce the voter's roll. CoA nominating a default nominee may disenfranchise a number of bodies corporate and groups solely on the irrational basis of what letter people's surnames begin with; and In some cases, invest the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with the unusual power to 'choosing'; who can vote. No similar amendments are being made with respect to any other Council. In relation to achieving the above obligations, Council believes the costs associated with additional FTE requirements, postage and potential changes to systems would be well in excess of \$100,000.

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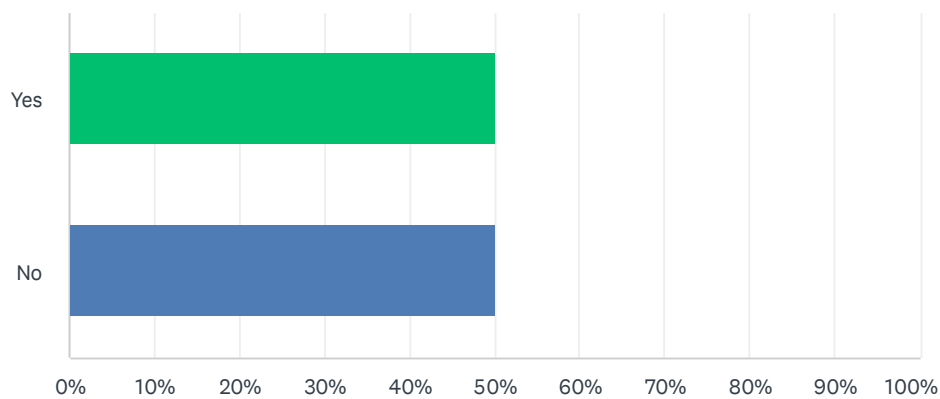


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.00% 1
No	50.00% 1
TOTAL	2

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	...and I think it would be well worth the investment as the 'fish rots from the head' and 4 years can be a long time. So having more resources to assist can only be a good thing - maybe it could be on a 'fixed term' contract.	3/6/2024 10:27 AM
2	Turn as much of the process for elections over to ECSA. Council administrations should not be tasked with any role that puts them at odds with elected members, potential elected members, enrolled voters or potential enrolled voters. The process must be seen to be completely independent in order for electors to have confidence in the system.	3/4/2024 12:50 PM

Q3 Suggested change to existing voting eligibility for Head Lease holder? CoA Comment: Currently a holder of a headlease who is not in occupation of the land (i.e. a head lessee who has wholly sub-let property to another) is considered an 'owner' under the Local Government Act 1999. When this situation occurs, under the Act neither party is eligible to be enrolled to vote in their own right. Instead, they must be enrolled as a group of owners. An unattended consequence is that each unique owner and head lessee combination would constitute a unique voter's group. In relation to the above, there are significant practical issues in that Council is expected to somehow know of and record the details of all owners, including people who hold leases but do not occupy the land. While the Council learns of changes to ownership through the LTO, there is no practical way to learn of changes to commercial leasing arrangements. The Council's system can record the property owner and the occupier but is not able to accurately record and capture head lessees and reflect the correct voting entitlement. Further, it is unlikely that property owners and headlease holders would be aware they are only entitled to a group voting entitlement

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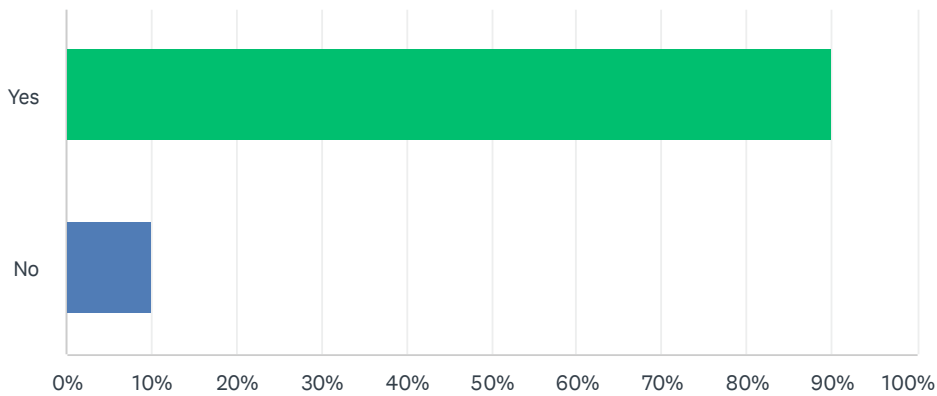


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.00% 1
No	50.00% 1
TOTAL	2

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	This is a very complicated topic as I deal with the LTO on a daily basis. I think this needs to be reviewed it is own right and at the moment there is probably no real 'yes' and 'no' answer however more 'maybe'	3/6/2024 10:27 AM

Q1 What requirements should be set for councils' community engagement for what decisions? CoA Comment: The City of Adelaide (CoA) endorses the Local Government Association's (LGA) draft Community Engagement Charter (Charter) and supports the minimum consultation period for those activities outlined in that document. Standardised engagement approach for those items listed in Category A in the LGA's draft charter.

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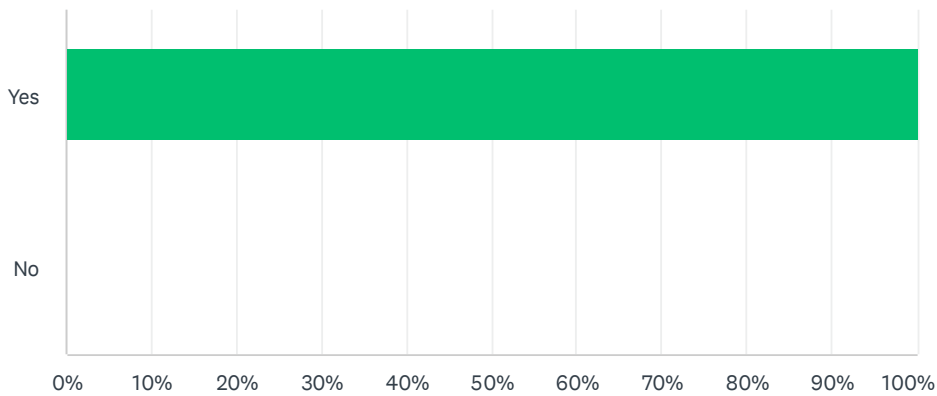


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	90.00% 9
No	10.00% 1
TOTAL	10

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1	It has not increased voter turn out so is not worthy of retention.	3/20/2024 3:31 PM

Q2 What should be included in the Charter and what should be left for councils' own community engagement policies? CoA Comment: CoA considers the current proposal outlined in the draft LGA Charter appropriate. The engagement approach should be standardised for significant engagements and activities listed in Category A. Other engagements should be based on principles and what the council wants to achieve rather than being prescriptive about the how.

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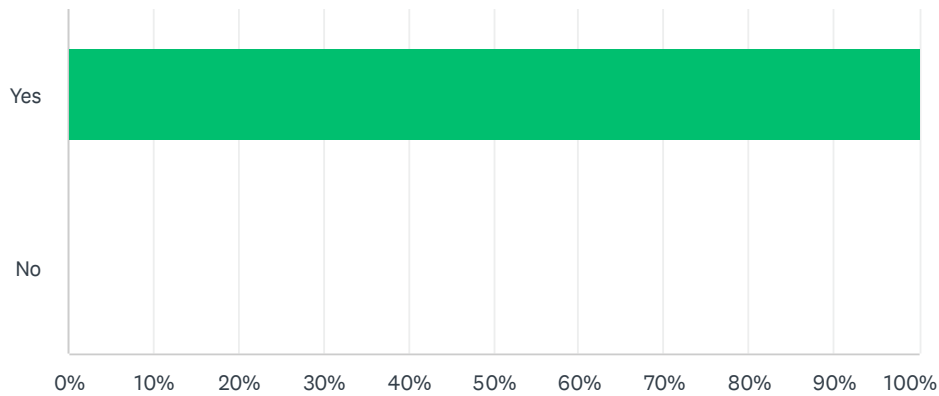


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 10
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q3 Should councils have the capacity to determine how they will engage with their communities, or should the Charter be more directive in its approach?
 CoA Comment: Councils should have the capacity to determine how they engage. It is recognised, however, that there are some topics (such as those identified in Category A of the draft charter) that there would be a community expectation to a minimum consistent standard. As a Capital City Council, it is essential that CoA is able to develop a consultation policy appropriate for its community. As a capital city, a significant part of our community is non-residents. As such, we need to ensure our engagement approach is fit for purpose.

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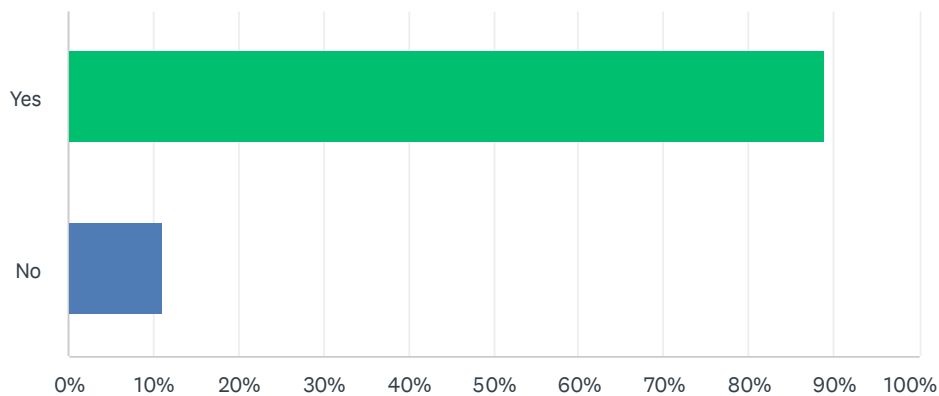
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Yes	100.00% 8
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	8

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Plus special consideration given to our city's need to (and difficulties with) residents high density housing (many of which do not engage with mailboxes much), student housing, residential colleges, international owners and higher than normal state government agencies. A standardised approach is fine but if it is too prescriptive then the city will not be able to be flexible.	3/21/2024 11:07 AM
2	The city of Adelaide has very different complexities than a suburban council. The consultation needs to be fit for purpose and target those affected to have a more significant say. Businesses and commercial property owners are sometimes left out of the conversation or not actively pursued when it relates specifically to them. Residents and non-ratepayers end up having a dominate voice on matters that don't impact them	3/20/2024 4:35 PM

Q4 What other ideas do you have for councils' community engagement?

CoA Comment: Having a panel of hard-to-reach groups and stakeholders CoA recognises the community's expectation of having plain English documents with both summarised and detailed information. Councils must also communicate better regarding how community feedback has been incorporated into decisions Focus on building a relationship with the community rather than a one-way relationship of 'obtaining feedback'.

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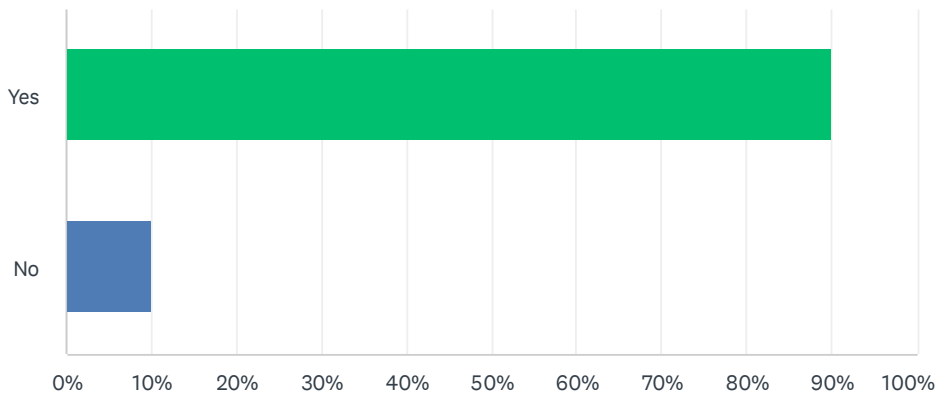
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Yes	88.89% 8
No	11.11% 1
TOTAL	9

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	need to consider how we engage with people where English is not their first language, particularly our large mandarin speaking population. Also need a specific strategy to engage with people who live in high-rise as it is often difficult to access letterboxes.	3/21/2024 10:58 AM
2	Target advisory groups, event organisers, and specific organisations that can offer some constructive input to the consultation.	3/20/2024 4:35 PM
3	multilingual information	3/20/2024 3:31 PM
4	Genuine consultation needs to happen	3/5/2024 2:17 PM
5	Yes ... engage with advisory groups charged with providing feedback who then engage with Council or Committee meetings	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q5 How would you like to see councils engage with you?CoA

Comment:Feedback from we have heard from the community via our engagement activities includes the following:Longer consultation periods so group submissions can be madeRegular events where community members can discuss matters directly with the Lord Mayor and Councillors. The community is informed of the decision made and the outcome as a result of the feedback they have provided (closing the loop).

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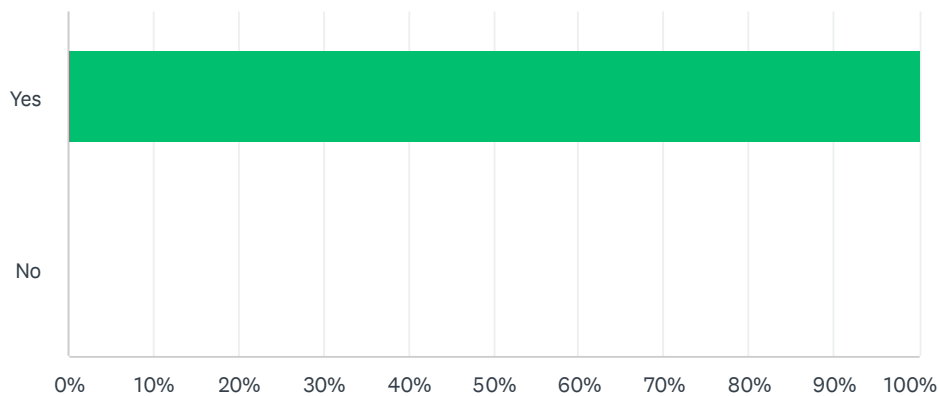


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	90.00% 9
No	10.00% 1
TOTAL	10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Consultation periods could be partially tethered to project scale and complexity rather than extending the period for all projects.	3/21/2024 11:07 AM
2	we could use precinct and community groups and also community development officers as facilitators for community engagement.	3/21/2024 10:58 AM
3	consultation is very poor Your Say is inaccessible , and designed to inform more than educate and consult responses should not be open to entire state and should preference local voters and residents	3/20/2024 3:31 PM
4	Regular events for constituents to engage with the LM and Councillors. Reinstate LM fora for resident groups and precinct groups and expand to include randomly identified individuals to be asked to attend discussions with LM and Councillors 3 times a year	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q6 Should councils be required to livestream their meetings and make recordings available?
CoA Comment: CoA has live-streamed its meetings and made them available on the internet before COVID-19. Councils should ensure that the meetings are inclusive and accessible to all members of the Community Council considers live streaming an essential service for those members of the community unable to attend meetings in person. It should remain the decision of individual Councils whether they do so.

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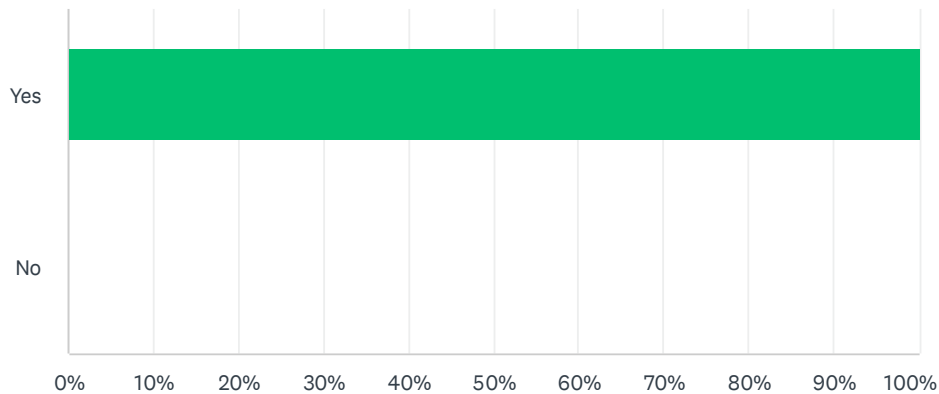


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 10
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	10

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1	Continue live streaming but more efficiently (CofA livestreams often miss the start and drop in and out). Add subtitles (automatically generated) as the audio is not as good as it could be. Make agenda for Council, Committee, Audit and Risk, Reconciliation etc more widely available ... including on paper at libraries and community centres	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q7 All metropolitan councils hold their council meetings during the evenings, but councils in regional areas often hold their meetings during business hours. CoA Comment: This should be an individual decision for each council, as well as considering how this may impact community participation. Some regional councillors may have to travel long distances to attend meetings.

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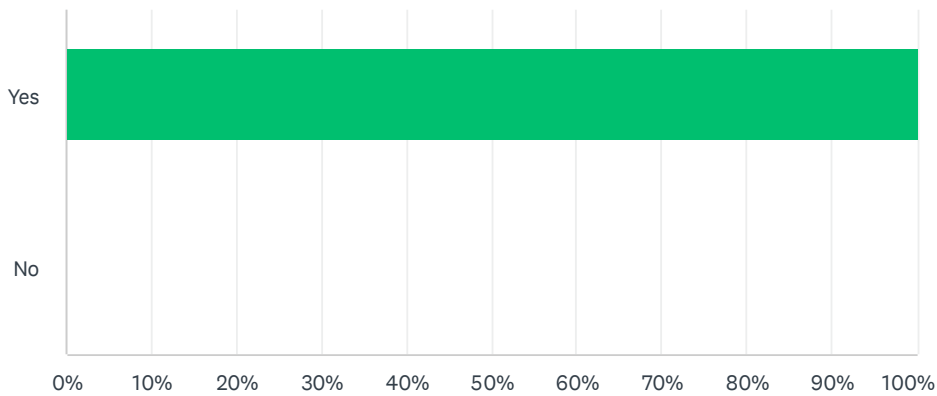


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 10
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	10

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1	Strongly support this. Day time meetings would prevent many Elected Members from attending meetings.	3/5/2024 4:02 PM
2	Capital City Council meetings should be held at evenings when they are accessible to ratepayers with work or child minding responsibilities	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q8 Should councils be required to hold their meetings at a particular time to maximise community participation?
 CoA Comment Rather than a prescriptive time and given that each community has different needs, where a council chooses to hold meetings during business hours, community consultation should occur. This could occur as part of the adoption of the Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents.

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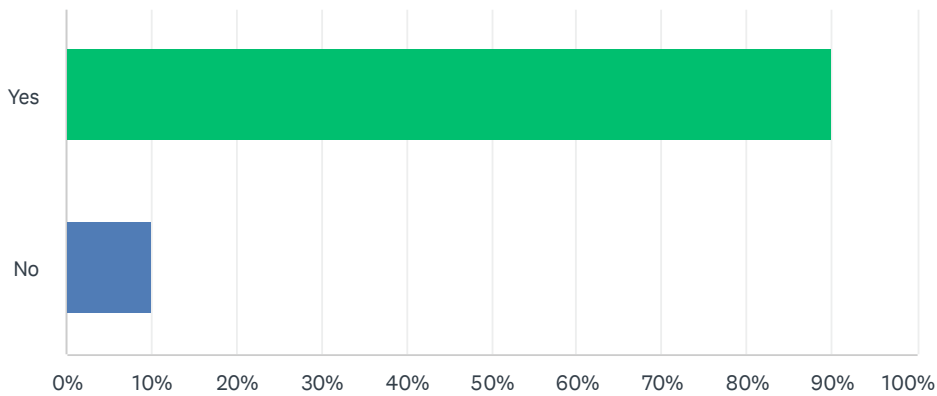


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 10
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	10

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1	Formal Council and Committee meetings should continue to be held when ratepayers can attend outside of working or family responsibilities. It may be appropriate when discussing particular community matters to hold meetings or parts of a meeting in community locations at times other than outside of hours.	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q9 How should members be supported to engage directly with their communities? CoA Comment: There needs to be a clear delineation regarding context and purpose, i.e are they representing a Council-endorsed view or their own? If Council Members speak on behalf of the Council, all correspondence and communications should be authorised. Council Members should remain responsible for their statements.

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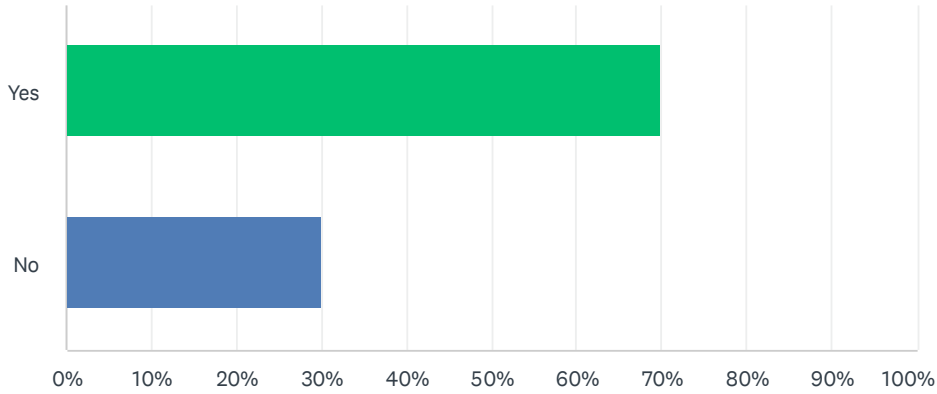


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	90.00% 9
No	10.00% 1
TOTAL	10

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Q10 Should all council members be provided with a specific allowance to support constituent work, similar to the allowance that is provided to Members of Parliament? CoA Comment: Should be a decision of council as part of the Allowance and Benefit policy.

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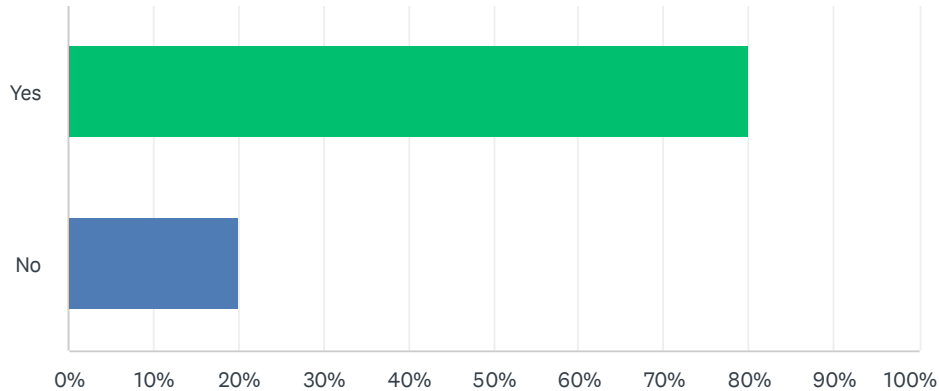


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.00%	7
No	30.00%	3
TOTAL		10

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1	Would not support an allowance without an aquittal/approval process similar to the Global Allowance process used by State Parliament (eligible inclusions for reimbursement).	3/21/2024 11:07 AM
2	this could be open to conflicts and difficult to monitor use.	3/21/2024 10:58 AM
3	A centrally managed fund can be created for eligible reimbursements, however not individual allowances.	3/20/2024 11:11 AM
4	Should be a statewide amount set by the regulator.	3/5/2024 2:17 PM
5	Communication is costly and an allowance or even assistance with printing and distribution would be helpfy!	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q11 What other ideas do you have to strengthen the relationship between council members and their local community members? CoA Comment: Training as part of the Council Member Mandatory Training sessions on how to engage with communities. This training should provide guidance on using social media as well as clarifying roles and responsibilities.

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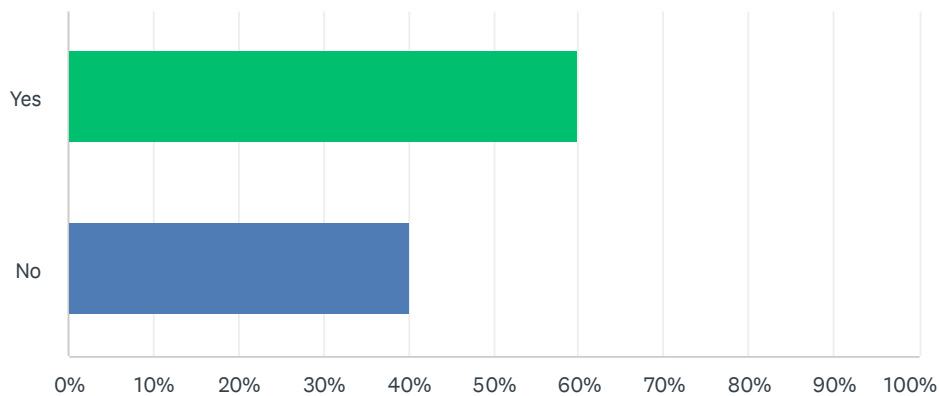


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	80.00% 8
No	20.00% 2
TOTAL	10

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1	better connection between council members and staff who are working on the ground such as place coordinators, library staff, and community development officers.	3/21/2024 10:58 AM
2	An elected member is an individual elected by the ratepayers. There should not be any restrictions on their freedom to speak their mind or have a view on social media. It would be the same as if they were speaking to their ratepayers in person. If more restrictions are placed on elected members, they should have an allowance to have a social media expert engaged to run their page. State and Federal politicians and the Lord Mayor have staff that support them with their content. However, an elected member pays for their own newsletters and runs their social media from their allowance. If we want to encourage people to enter this role, we can't put red tape around it and expect them to navigate their way through it without an extra allowance. Unless this happens, no extra policies or restrictions should be put on an elected member with the use of social media and newsletters.	3/20/2024 4:35 PM
3	The poor quality of councilors impacts on reputation and capacity	3/20/2024 3:31 PM
4	social media activity by elected members needs to be governed by stricter rules with potential bad behaviours detailed	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q1 Would more, and a more diverse range of, people be attracted to the role if allowances were increased? CoA Comment: Potentially, yes Support a review of the construct of Council Member allowances, considering what the allowances are meant to be used for, and the expectations that community members have of Council Members. Benchmarking should occur against interstate jurisdictions. Awareness of what other reimbursements candidates are entitled to (such as babysitting, mileage, etc).

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	6
No	40.00%	4
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	However many suburban councils have lower allowances but more diverse ranges of people. Adelaide has over-representation of people involved in the property industry, who would be attracted to council for their ability to influence decision-making as opposed to being influenced by a good allowance to support their work and their constituents.	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	I think the current allowance is adequate. we need to keep with community expectations and not be seen as standing for council for the money.	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
3	The allowance is a driving factor in attracting a diverse range of high-quality people to the role. Especially for a Capital City, where many decisions are complex, ensuring you are across all documentation can be time-consuming. Meeting with ratepayers and ensuring you are communicating with all stakeholders is another factor in the time you need to give to this role.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
4	Remuneration is already high and too much of an incentive to be deputy lord mayor. Remuneration should be linked to attendance at committee and council meetings	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
5	Council is to serve the community, and people need to be attracted for the right reasons, certainly not financial incentives. One of the big discouraging elements is negative media which are scaring good people away, unfortunately sometimes the negativities are generated from internally.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
6	Although financial compensation should not be a driving factor I think that being a Councillor and executing this role as well as you can is very time consuming. If people don't have	3/6/2024 9:56 AM

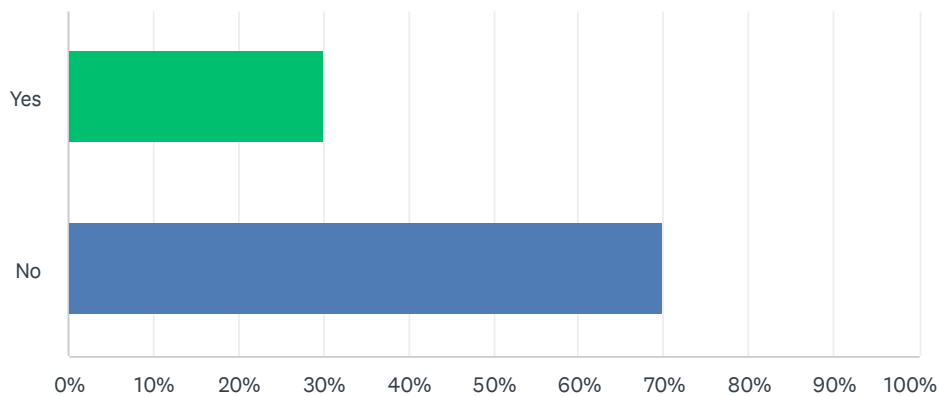
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other financial support then this would be a deciding factor. Also if a person has a full time role they may need to reduce hours to do the role justice so the allowance could be seen to compensate the loss of income. Community members who elect people want (or should) their representatives to have the expertise, skills and experience - therefore it shouldn't be just for people who can 'afford' to throw their hat in the ring.

7	A better explanation of the commitment would also be useful in ensuring those who accept the role understand the volume of reading and site visits necessary to understand what they are being asked to deliberate on	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
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Q2 Should council members be able to attend some council meetings electronically? CoA Comment: Electronic attendance may assist flexibility, allowing Council Members to attend when they otherwise may not be able to. The ability to attend a meeting electronically should be a discretionary provision in the legislation. It should be a decision for each Council regarding: - If it will accommodate this and- Include in its Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures (including how confidentiality will be protected).

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	30.00% 3
No	70.00% 7
TOTAL	10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Mixed meetings are disruptive to the conduct of discussion and generally result in poor engagement from online participants. Council would not be able to ensure confidentiality of discussions held in confidence and that discussions are not privately recorded.	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	face to face interactions are important for discussions and debate. Maybe some briefings could be on zoom if they are information only.	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
3	We need to be flexible with the time requirements that people put in as elected members. Someone may not physically be able to attend a meeting in the evening due to a child being sick, caring for elderly parents, etc. However, if a councillor has put in leave, then they can't attend the meeting.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
4	too risky on that remote attendance encourages poor attention	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
5	Yes but should apply in advance and limited to once or twice every year.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
6	Although I said no this is more for Council meetings. If committee or 'other' I think that should be accepted especially if it is for good reason and circumstances has put the Councillor in a situation where they didn't have the time to organise for example a baby-sitter etc.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
7	Instead meetings and venues should be inclusive including access, timing, support and translation. The format and culture of meetings should consider diversity.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
8	Electronic attendances in only extraordinary cases and under strict rules. We have had a	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

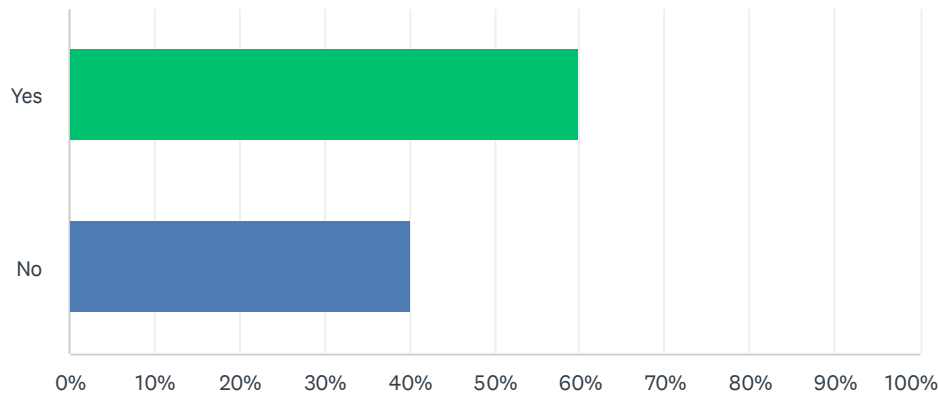
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Councillor reportedly flirt with the idea of living outside of South Australia for extended periods which is not acceptable. The City of Adelaide has also had Committee meetings chaired electronically by individuals seated in the offices of members of parliament ... who, in turn, were closely identified with party politics. Moreover, confidentiality cannot be dealt with satisfactorily where the presiding member cannot be certain the all people hearing confidential matters in remote locations are, indeed, alone as can be determined when meeting in person. this is a very complex area other levels of government in Australia have not resolved and which requires much serious discussion.

9	I would be supportive of special dispensation being given to councillors to attend committees virtually. But in person meetings for the main deliberative meetings unless entire council is unable to meet (ie covid lockdown).	2/26/2024 12:31 PM
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Q3 Are there other efforts that councils could make to increase interest in standing over a council term, for example, by working with ratepayers or other community organisations? CoA Comment: Councils already work extensively with community organisations to raise awareness concerning Local Government Elections and Nominations.

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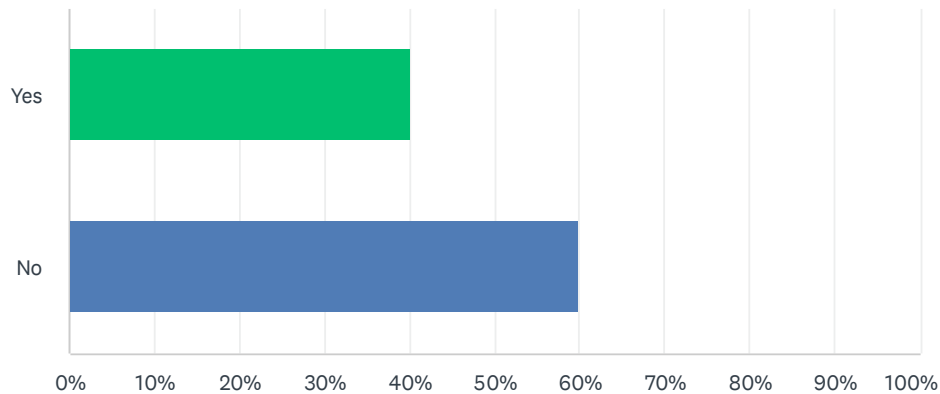


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	6
No	40.00%	4
TOTAL		10

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1	I don't think most people realize the importance and difficulty of council work and the sacrifice Councillors have to make to do our job.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
2	I think there should be more information sessions that includes existing Councillors and also the governance team. Even being a former CEO of a Council does not prepare someone for the complexities of being an Elected Member.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
3	Need a targeted strategy to ensure the make up of councils reflects their community. Also the need to live or work in the council area. This keeps people better connected and makes sure others see the council at work.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
4	This is a contentious area. In the last Council elections the City of Adelaide sent staff to locations where some ratepayers were in attendance, mainly offices and shops, and provided directions regarding enrolments. No similar initiative existed for other groups of ratepayers raising the possibility of accusations that this was a very subjective campaign. Even a Council subsidiary, AEDA, resolved in a minuted decision to target business to encourage greater voter turnout among that group and that group alone. The Council Administration and subsidiaries are supposed to be independent of the political process. If they become part of the process, then, as happens, at State and Federal levels, parts of the Administrations and subsidiaries are at risk of not being trusted by the politically elected and of being subject to change at each election. Generic campaigns about "don't forget to enrol" are the only campaigns in which Council Administrations should participate.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q4 Should term limits for council members be introduced?CoA
Comment:It is noted that the institutionalised knowledge long-serving Council Members bringThese members have served for a long time because their community continues to choose them to represent this.If term limits are to be introduced, three consecutive terms are proposed (12 years).

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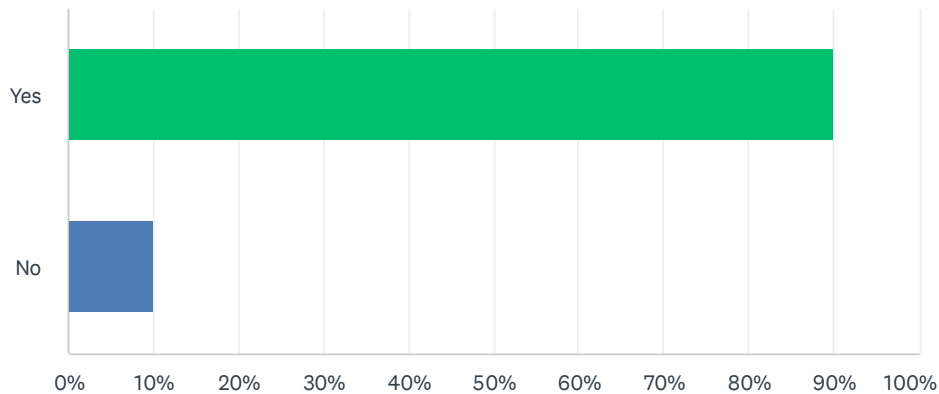


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.00%	4
No	60.00%	6
TOTAL		10

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1	This is a difficult one to answer. The fact that councillors are elected on a small number of votes and that there is poor voting attendance for local government elections, in my opinion, allows someone to keep being elected by that same small number of people. It ends being that person knows their voter base and only makes decisions to please that dominant vote group and doesn't properly represent the broader community that hasn't voted. The voting system is failing our community, and unless there is a more significant voter turn the same people are elected. So to answer the question yes if the system remains the same.....no if they bring a compulsory voting that is fair and equitable.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
2	3 terms sounds reasonable but should not preclude current Councillors to run for two more terms.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
3	If the community wants to vote in an individual they should be able to - democracy!	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
4	Just as the Council administration is served well by experienced staff with 10, 15 or 20 years of experience, so too is the elected body. A mixture of experience and the exuberance and fresh approaches of the newly elected potentially serves communities well.... and, indeed, this is the environment in most LGAs in South Australia. But it would be somewhat discriminatory for there to be no limit on Lord Mayoral terms, as is the case in the CofA, and limits on other elected members and no time limits at all on any elected member on any other level of Government ... State or federal ... in South Australia.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
5	No term limits. Voters to decide on elected member tenure.	2/26/2024 12:31 PM

Q5 Should people be required to complete an online course before nominating? CoA Comment: Yes, similar to Victoria. It is important for those wanting to be a Council Member to understand their roles and responsibilities and have had a thorough induction into Local Government. This training should also include the legislative responsibilities of a candidate when campaigning

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	90.00% 9
No	10.00% 1
TOTAL	10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Helps nominees understand what they are nominating for, can expedite induction and training process for successful candidates. Can weed out and discourage feeder and throw-away candidates.	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	This question again depends on the following: YES, if the role had a higher allowance, was more of a full-time position, and had more support for councillors to fulfil the demanding role. NO if the allowance is remains minimal.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
3	they should demonstrate literacy , comprehension and understanding of the legislation and probity. There should be a barrier and failure preclude nomination	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
4	As much information as possible communicated in various ways is what is required.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM

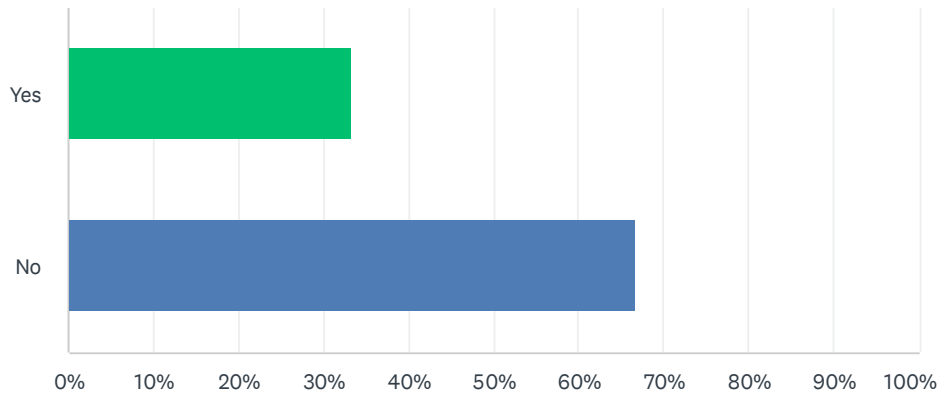
Q6 What forms of training could both benefit candidates and generate more community confidence in the people who are standing for election?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	councillor obligations under Local Government Act Roles and responsibilities of local government	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	understanding the local government act	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
3	Training needs to be available and tailored to the individual. some may request more some may need less. It depends on their experience. Therefore what the elected member needs to effectively carry out their position should be given to them.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
4	Training Plus Exam	3/20/2024 4:22 PM
5	training is pointless if there are is no test or accreditation process	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
6	Online self paced training which has an online test attached to it, or even a classroom style exam.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
7	Many more information sessions, Q&A's with candidates, Q&A's with existing Councillors - similar training sessions to the mandatory sessions especially around behaviours.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
8	Roles and responsibilities and the three tiers of Australian government	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
9	ICAC training	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q7 Should councils have a role in the nomination process?CoA Comment:No

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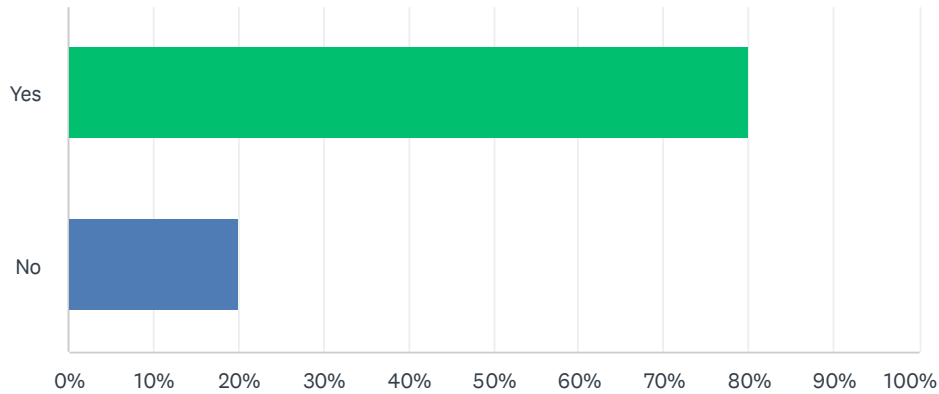


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	3
No	66.67%	6
TOTAL		9

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Absolutely NOT	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
2	Definitely not as this would encourage factions.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
3	How does a body directed by an elected body ... often driven by party politics ... have an objective role in a key part of a democratic process?	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q8 If ECSA continues to receive nominations directly, should there be arequirement for nominations to be published throughout the nomination process, not just at the end? If so, how should these be published?CoA
Comment:ECSA should publish on their website daily. Extra resources should be assigned to ECSA for this purpose.

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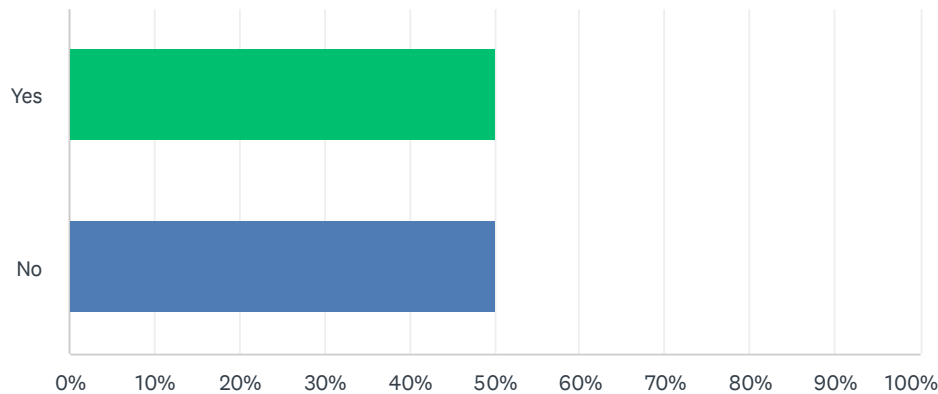


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.00%	8
No	20.00%	2
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Information should be published as the nominations come in. Councils should post the nominations within Town Hall for those who don't follow online. ECSA or council dont need extra resources; it's not difficult to do or time-consuming.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
2	People will still strategically timing their nomination. Better not waste time and resources on this.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
3	The more transparency in the processs the better and if people see other people they know nominate it may actually encourage them.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
4	This could be manipulated by candidates.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM

Q9 Should councils continue to have wards? If so, why? And if not, what would be the benefits of removing them? Should wards only be kept in councils where the council's size warrants their retention?CoA
Comment:It should be up to the Community to decide how they want to be represented and what (if any) ward structure they think is appropriate.

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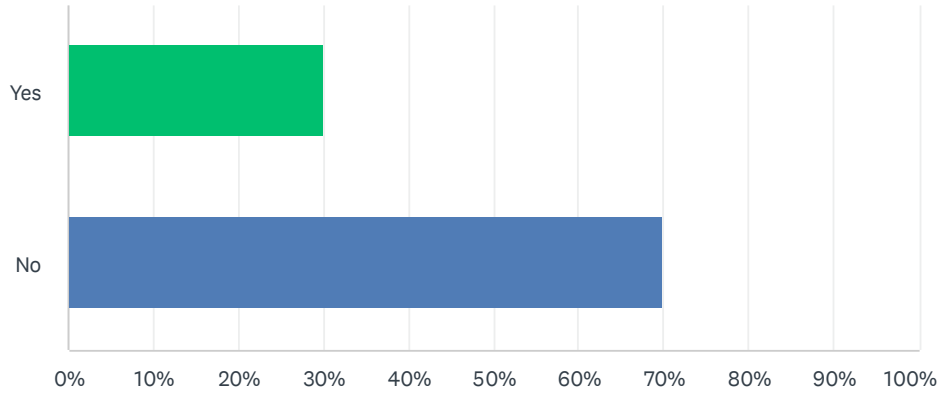
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.00%	4
No	50.00%	4
TOTAL		8

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Especially in the city there is more interest in nominating than many other council areas. Going by 2022, a list of nearly 50 candidates on one list to choose from would likely result in poor outcomes for the community with disinterest in learning about so many different candidates.	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	if voting is compulsory then I believe wards should continue as this connects councillors better with their community but if it continues to be voluntary, then there should not be wards as the numbers required to be elected are way too small to be properly representative.	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
3	I disagree with Wards. Councillors make decisions for the whole of the city. We are a small council, and having wards and area councillors does not make sense. However, wards would be appropriate if the City of Adelaide amalgamates with adjoining councils and expands its boundary.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
4	wards should stay	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
5	The concept of ward can attract candidates from a more diverse background as they might only be interested in certain aspects of council work.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
6	I'm very much an anti-ward person. Simply because Councillors have to vote on the entire LG area they are elected to and not just their Ward. There may be an argument if the Council if it is a Council over a large geographical area.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
7	If compulsory voting then wards should continue but if voluntary voting then the electorate is too small to get quality candidates. I like the local connection and knowledge.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
8	The principle is already established and vital for the proper functioning of LGAs - especially in regional areas. Why should City residents not have the advantage of country residents?	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
9	I think removing wards would be beneficial to the CoA as we're such a geographically small	2/26/2024 12:31 PM

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Q10 Should potential boundary changes be referred to the South Australian Boundaries Commission when a council receives significantly fewer nominations than it has vacancies?CoA Comment:No. There are several reasons why Councils do not receive enough nominations.

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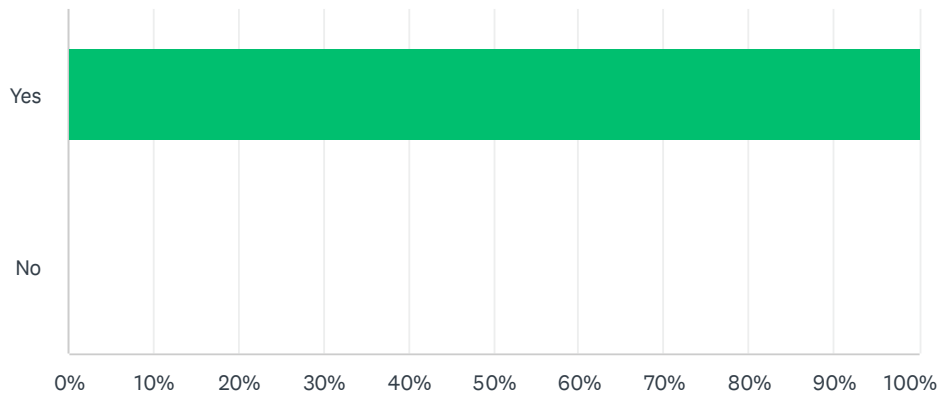


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.00%	3
No	70.00%	7
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	If this happens it is probably another problem than boundaries.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM

Q11 What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?
CoA Comment: Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council Members
 Adversarial nature of debate
 Public scrutiny
 Time commitment required
 Not knowing that training and support are provided for members to do their role
 Understanding of local government
 Lack of support for the campaign

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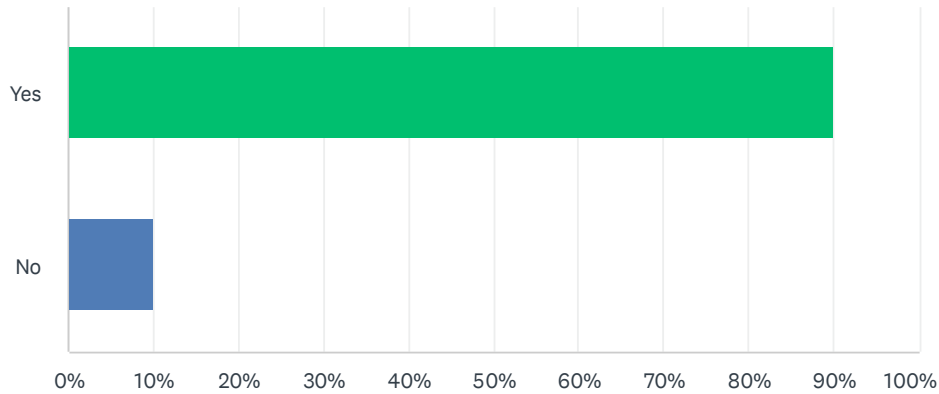


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 10
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	encourage- being able to make a difference in your community.	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
2	The above details it perfectly. The commitment you need to give to stakeholders, ratepayers, representation at events, and networking takes time away from your family and, at times, puts pressure on you if you have a business, a full-time job, or family commitments.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
3	not knowing about child care support	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
4	Council offers a fantastic platform for professional and social development Financial incentive is low for a reason as we are all part time and have the flexibility to seek leave.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
5	All of the above including financial and family commitments I could not be an Elected Member if I had a full-time role and kids and especially if I was a single parent. It is so much more than just having baby-sitters available.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
6	Also the itical nature of some of the behaviour and the use of local government as a personal career move or stepping stone. Rigidity in meeting procedure and rules about caucuses. Being an individual is very hard and scary. We need the chance to discuss things before we are in the spot light	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
7	The absence of administrative support which has diminished to a point where it is but a fraction of what was available The increasing participation of political parties that resource candidates and elected members to the disadvantage of people who are independent The onerous provisions of behavioral code complaints	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q12 What ideas do you have to increase nominations?CoA
Comment:Link to promotion – understanding of the role, making known the support available Pre-mentor program started well before the election cycle Mid-term programs promoting the role of the Council Member

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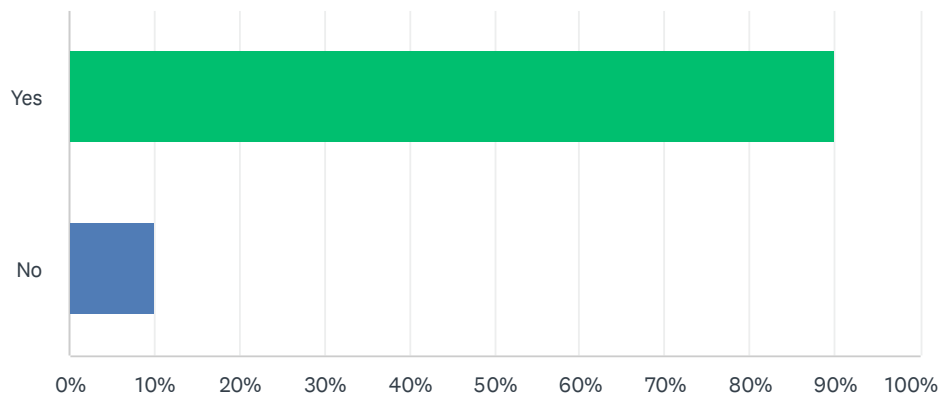


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.00%	9
No	10.00%	1
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	council members taking responsibility to encourage people to nominate	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
2	Maybe roll out a mentor program for each council member to mentor interested and selected community members	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
3	I've emphasized the importance of additional sessions with both current Councillors and Administration beyond just during election periods. Ideally, initiating these sessions a year in advance would be my preference. Furthermore, we must address the issue of encouraging more women to nominate for these roles. I've encountered instances where younger women withdrew their nominations upon realizing the significant time and commitment demanded by the position. Balancing these responsibilities with personal and professional commitments can seem insurmountable, especially considering that women still predominantly assume the role of primary caregivers for their families, including children and elderly parents.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
4	Fix what's wrong with perceptions about the downsides too	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q1 Is there any particular reason why councils do not warrant compulsory voting when the two other spheres of Australian governments do? Should voting for councils be compulsory in South Australian council elections? CoA Comment: Compulsory voting should be introduced for the House of Assembly Roll in line with other jurisdictions across Australia

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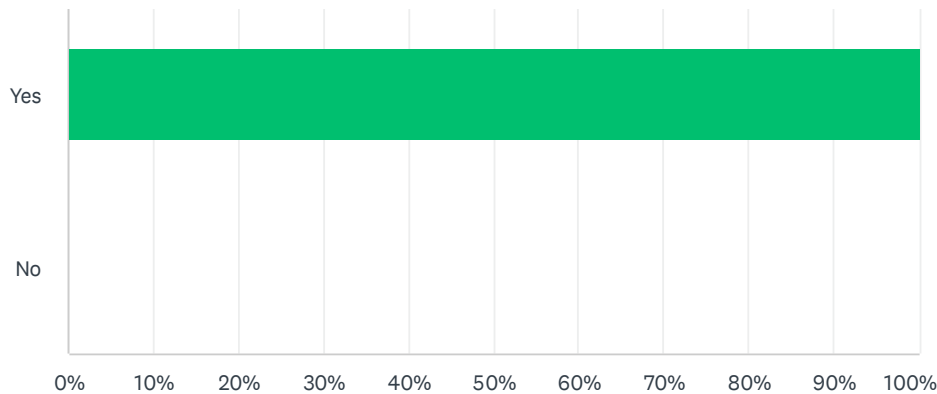
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	90.00% 9
No	10.00% 1
TOTAL	10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	mandatory for registered voters in other levels of govt, opt in for all other groups.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	local government should have compulsory voting	3/21/2024 11:25 AM
3	I believe there should be compulsory voting with the suitable model. The ratepayer is predominantly the most important vote as they contribute to the financial balance sheet.	3/20/2024 5:54 PM
4	By LG elections not being mandatory makes it look like that this level of government is less important than State and Federal LG is essential for the 'health' of a community -I would like to see the other two levels of government take-over - rates, rubbish and roads and all the other community services!?	3/6/2024 10:16 AM

Q2 How should people vote for their councils?CoA

Comment:PostalPostal voting is a very convenient method for the community.It is noted there were numerous complaints during the last election with residents not receiving voting material or receiving incorrect voting material.Delays by Australia Post meant some voting material wasn't reissued.If postal voting is to be continued - the Council should be able to reissue in the last week of the voting periodIn PersonIf compulsory voting was introduced, voting in person could be introduced. If compulsory voting is not introduced, voter participation will likely decrease

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		9

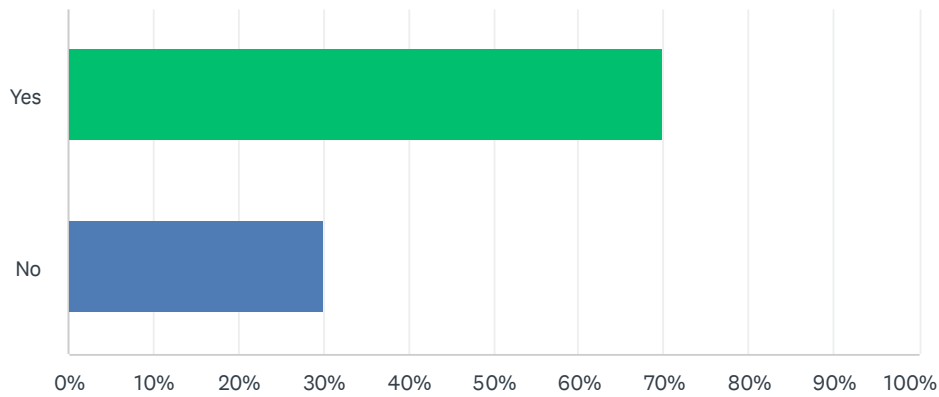
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	only move to in person if there is compulsory voting	3/21/2024 11:25 AM
2	I support postal voting and electronic voting and strongly support in-person as an option. Every option should be available without any complications for people to exercise their democratic vote.	3/20/2024 5:54 PM
3	in person and advance voting at polling places and by post	3/20/2024 3:51 PM
4	Voting should reflect how we operate in other areas of our lives - so both postal and electronic should be an option- especially if not mandated.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
5	Strongly support in person voting	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
6	Compulsory, in person voting will lead to a highly politicised lga environment where the candidates will be in training for higher political office. In the City of Adelaide, it would also be difficult to overcome the particular problems with allowing votes associated with a supplementary roll for non resident property owners. Leave it voluntary, with ... as with State and Federal ... the possibility of postal votes and in person votes to assist in minimizing electoral vote rigging.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
7	I support compulsory (for HoA roll voters) with in person elections. (Postal remain for those	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

that require it, similar to state and federal elections).

Q3 Should the franchise for council elections be changed in any way?

CoA Comment: Form One The requirements for non-citizens should be tightened to ensure that there is a reasonable interest in the outcome of the election, and, if a candidate, that the candidate will be able to fulfil their term of office. It is suggested that they:- Be a permanent resident or have the right to work. - Provide proof of identity, status and residence when completing the forms. This process should be managed by ECSA with consideration given to language barriers.

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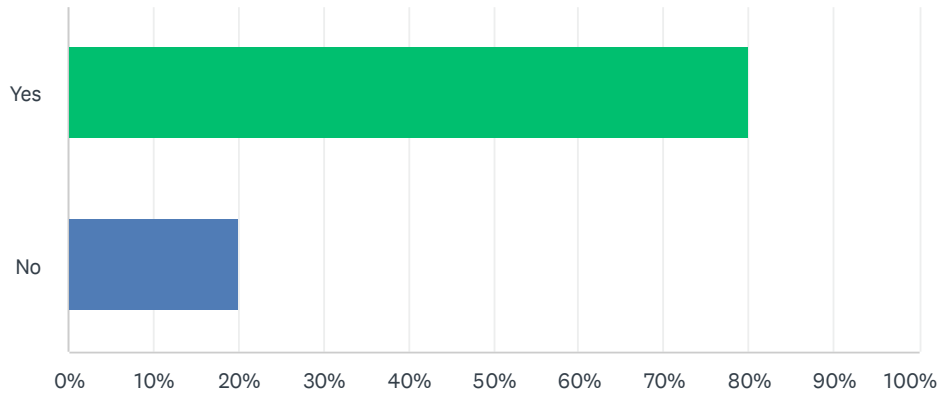


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.00%	7
No	30.00%	3
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	this requires a lot more investigation to avoid inadvertently discriminating against certain groups of people e.g. refugees who have temporary visas but intend to stay in the council and are in the process of applying for permanent residency (this is a long and expensive process) or what about the many residents who have lived here a very long time but have not become Australian Citizens. I think the rules have now changed for New Zealand residents. In the past becoming a citizen for New Zealanders was very difficult. We need to consider the laws and requirements of citizenship before having a view about this. Timeframes are also problematic. If someone has only been here for six months but fully intends to stay in the country and build a life, should they be denied a vote? why are they less qualified to vote than an 18 year old voting for the first time?	3/21/2024 11:25 AM
2	Demonstrate interest by enrolling and physically come to city of Adelaide to verify identity Demonstrate commitment by going through an online training course Demonstrate understanding by passing an online test	3/20/2024 8:11 PM
3	A person should NOT be able to vote or nominate unless they have been a resident of the area for a least 1 year.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
4	Absolutely	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
5	Citizens and permanent residents.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q4 Should council elections be moved to a different year from South Australian Government elections? CoA Comment: Running the state and local government elections in the same year puts increased strain on ECSA's finite resources. A move to a different year may increase the local government elections profile.

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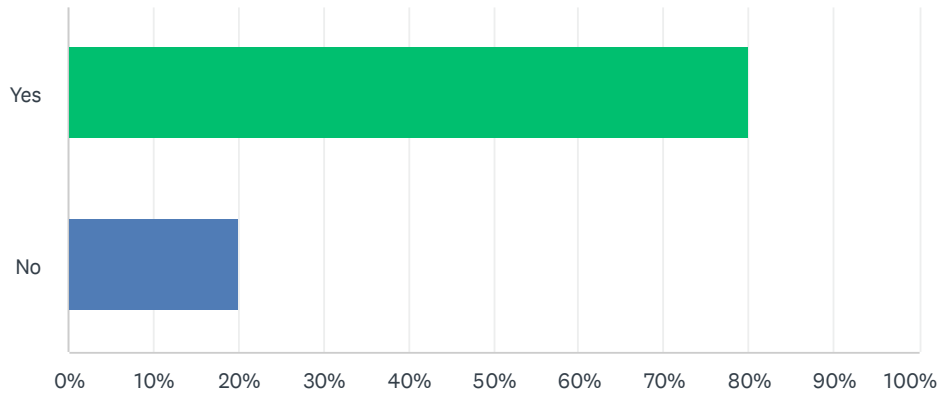


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.00%	8
No	20.00%	2
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Voter fatigue discourages involvement, confusion over what election it is (I just voted, why am I voting again? Oh it's not compulsory, I won't bother".	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	Support the same year	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
3	Year after State elections.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
4	A number of unsuccessful candidates from the state election might want to run in their local council area. The current timeline provides an adequate 7-8 month gap between the two elections.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q5 Should councils have a stronger role in promoting elections locally to increase voter turnout? CoA Comment: Councils already play a large role in local promotion. Better coordination between ECSA and LGA campaigns and collateral would be beneficial.

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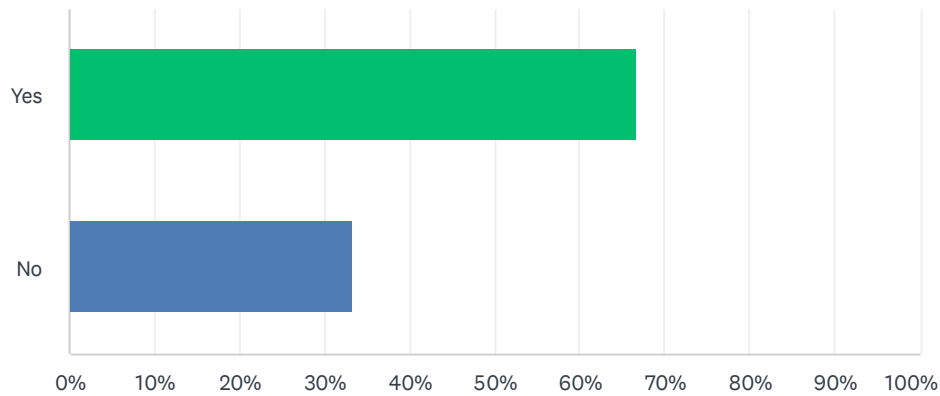


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	80.00% 8
No	20.00% 2
TOTAL	10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with council comment.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	A more collaborative process between the LGASA, ECSA and the LG area should occur and not just at the 11th hour.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
3	Compulsory voting for HoA roll would significantly increase turnout.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q6 Would removing wards provide voters with greater choice, and produce fairer results? CoA Comment: In the City of Adelaide, it could decrease voter turnout, some voters currently vote in a number of wards (as they may live in one ward and own businesses in other wards). The decision to remove wards should be up to that Community (as above).

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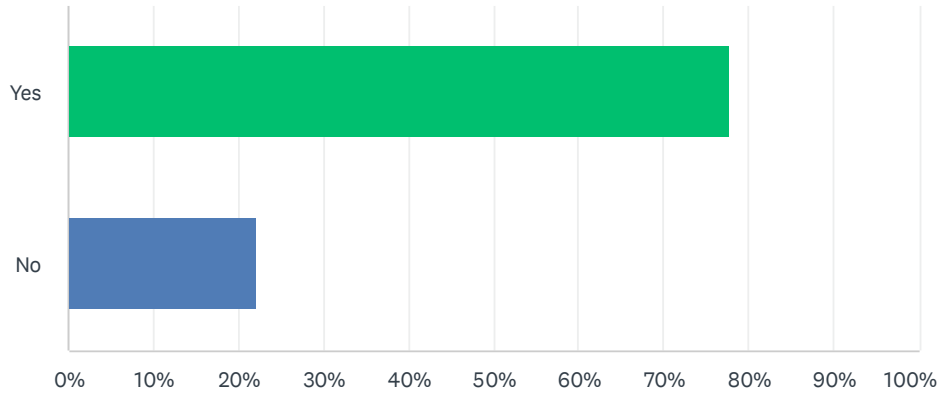


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	6
No	33.33%	3
TOTAL		9

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with council comment. It would overwhelm voters with huge list of candidates.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	yes if voting remains non-compulsory.	3/21/2024 11:25 AM
3	As stated previously I do not support Wards as the EM is making decisions on the entire LG area they represent NOT just their Ward.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
4	Support removal of wards	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
5	If it isn't broken don't fix it	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
6	Remove wards	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q7 Is it fair for someone who has 'served their time' to have to release this information? COA Comment: Candidates should meet minimum eligibility requirement (similar to ASX director requirements, working with children check). That a candidate meets the minimum eligibility requirements to nominate is what the community should be informed of, not personal details.

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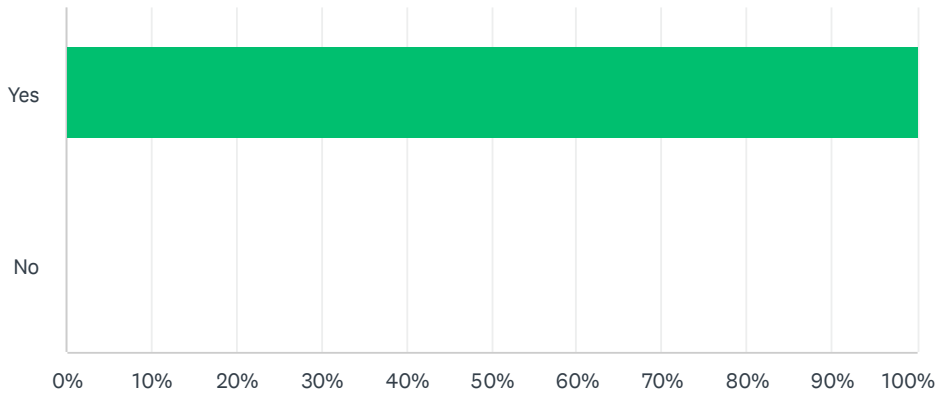


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	77.78% 7
No	22.22% 2
TOTAL	9

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with comments; but should depend on the offence. People have a right to be given opportunities to contribute to public life under presumption of rehabilitation.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	For all the reasons why other Boards do this not just ASX directors. People who are nominating should be required to have a DIN.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
3	No opinion	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q8 What information should candidates be required to include with their nominations?CoA Comment:Political affiliationsLive in the council area (and what ward)A Declaration form (similar to register of interest) which has the same public information as serving Council Members have

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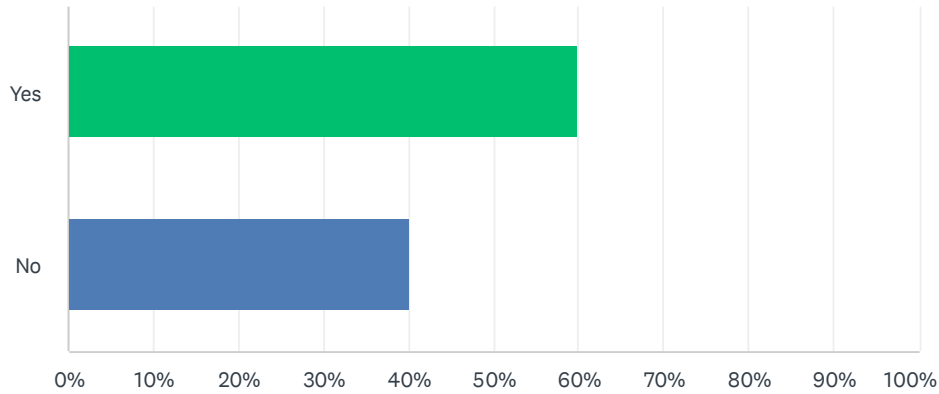


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	10
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with comments. Potentially how many votes they are eligible to cast as a result of their interest.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	The time limit should increase. Currently, it is only in the past year, but since the council term is 4, maybe, say, the past four years. Questions to also ask is if they are a ratepayer. Currently, you can be a candidate if you live in the city but are a renter who doesn't pay rates. Also, if you run a business and lease commercial premises and don't have outgoings, you shouldn't be eligible. You can't just rent a hotdesk or a coworking space for a short term and then run for council.	3/20/2024 5:54 PM
3	political affiliations cover a multitude of lies when people resign and then pretend they have none	3/20/2024 3:51 PM
4	I think it is critical that an Elected Member lives and or works in the area. The issue to address is people who 'just move in' so they can nominate and then 'move out' when people aren't noticing. Also if a person decides to run for State or Federal government they should be forced to resign from Council. It would be very clear at that time what political party they are supporting and this would most likely influence their decision making and LG EM's should be 'A political'.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
5	Political affiliations in the past five years ... not just a year. Also residential address for the past two years must be declared as part of one's candidacy and there should be a constant requirement to update residential address where the address changes to one outside of the lga represented. There have been shocking instances of candidates moving to an lga 8 weeks before an election and then out of the same lga to one they do not represent only weeks after an election. Such practices serve to destroy voter confidence in our system of government.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM

Q9 Is there a role for councils to play in enabling all candidates to reach potential voters? CoA Comment: It is a decision for each Council if they would like to run information sessions such as candidate nights etc.

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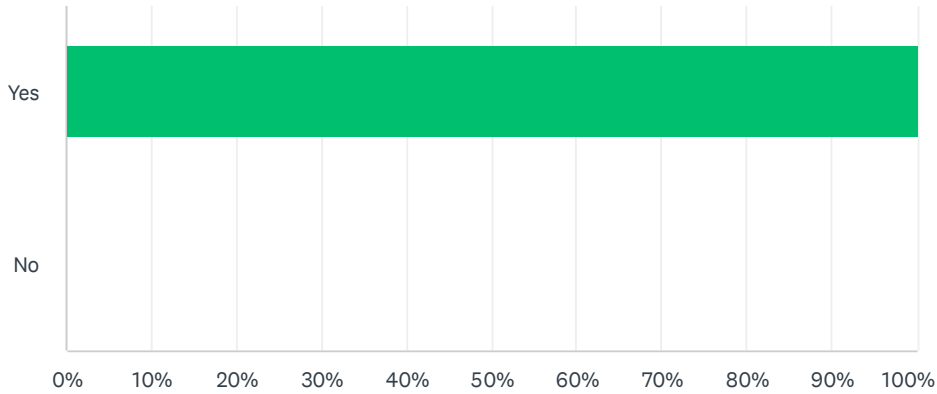


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	6
No	40.00%	4
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Potentially yes; this would again give legitimacy to the process and discourage unserious/uncommitted candidates or harvester candidates (at least from attending and engaging with voters).	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	the roll is enough but it should be searchable not locked and the walking order version is a shambles	3/20/2024 3:51 PM
3	However this must be executed fairly.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
4	Some candidates work a lot harder than others to reach potential voters. It's not the councils job to prop up ineffective candidates.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

Q10 What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?
 CoA Comment: Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council Members
 Adversarial nature of debate
 Public scrutiny
 Time commitment required
 Not knowing that training and support is provided for members to do their role
 Understanding of local government
 Lack of support to campaign

Answered: 7 Skipped: 3



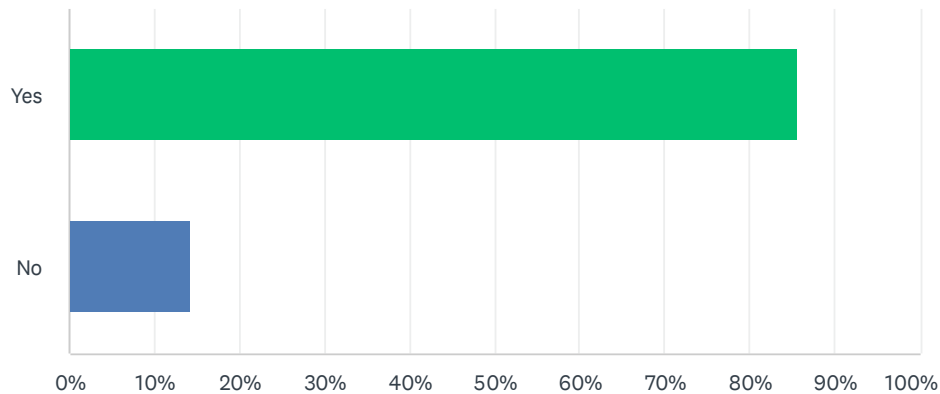
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 7
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	7

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	Yes to all above money time and commitment	3/20/2024 5:54 PM
3	extremism and mediocrity of council members	3/20/2024 3:51 PM
4	Time, money and family commitments etc. as mentioned previously.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
5	previously answered	3/4/2024 12:47 PM

Q1 All residential enrolments to be managed by AEC?CoA

Comment:Currently individual councils manage Form 1 enrolment applications for residential individuals who do not currently qualify for entry on to the House of Assembly roll.An improvement would be for all residential enrolments regardless of the individual’s status (citizen or not) be managed by the ECSA and included on the House of Assembly roll.

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	85.71% 6
No	14.29% 1
TOTAL	7

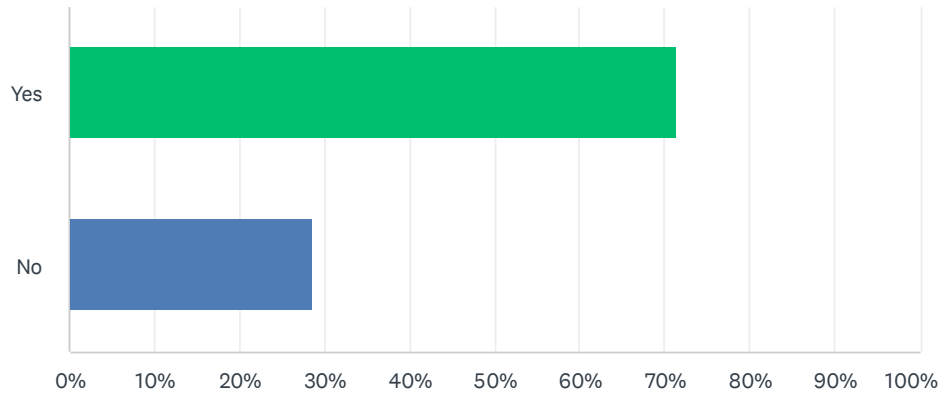
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree	3/21/2024 11:35 AM
2	I do not have faith in ECSA handling the enrolments. There needs to be a level of scrutiny from each council to continue managing the Form 1	3/20/2024 6:03 PM
3	Consistency	3/6/2024 10:27 AM

Q2 Statute Amendments are significantly problematic?CoA

Comment:The changes imposed on CoA under the recent Statute Amendments:Impose obligations on Council staff which are very labour-intensive and costly, to be performed within very limited timeframes on top of current election activities and existing timeframes.Additional FTE/s required as:- new template correspondence will need to be drafted and sent to all bodies corporate and groups on the voter's roll; - dealing with nominations received from bodies corporate and groups will require data entry, and will also require checking whether the nominated person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voter's roll (in which case they are not eligible persons); - the process for nominating 'default persons' for bodies corporate (and groups which include bodies corporate) which do not nominate their own eligible person relies upon data held in ASIC's database and therefore might not be possible to automate to any great extent; - the process for nominating 'default persons' also requires checking whether the potential default person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voters' roll; - redactions will need to be made to the version of voters roll available for inspection by the public; (In practice would be problematic)- all of the above must occur within strict timeframes; and There are a significant number of bodies corporate and groups on the Council's voters roll compared to other councils, and the above steps must be applied for all of those bodies corporate and groups. These obligations are in addition to the Council and the CEO's existing obligations which are already complex and challenging and may well require changes to the current system in place that produce the voter's roll.CoA nominating a default nominee may disenfranchise a number of bodies corporate and groups solely on the irrational basis of what letter people's surnames begin with; andIn some cases, invest the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with the unusual power to 'choosing'; who can vote.No similar amendments are being made with respect to any other Council.In relation to achieving the above obligations, Council believes the costs associated with additional FTE requirements, postage and potential changes to systems would be well in excess of \$100,000.

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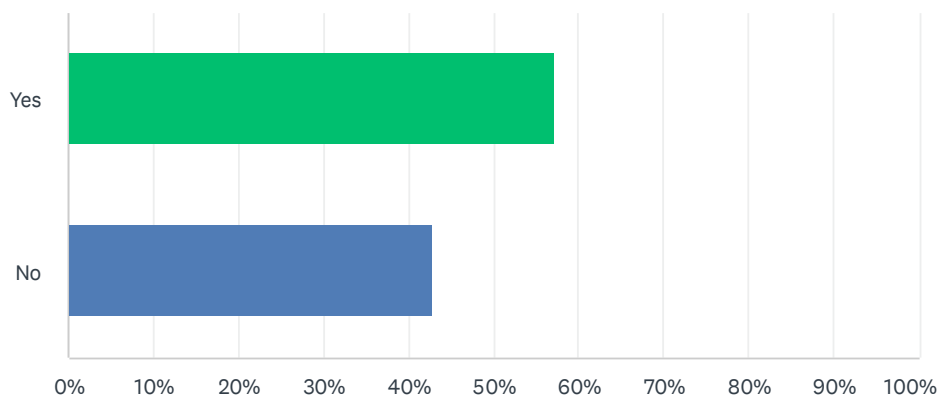


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	71.43% 5
No	28.57% 2
TOTAL	7

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	agree	3/21/2024 11:35 AM
2	this sounds very burdensome for our council.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
3	I do not have any confidence in ECSA. The government should give extra resources to the councils to deliver this to the community. Until then, ECSA needs to get its systems in order and have better systems.	3/20/2024 6:03 PM
4	...and I think it would be well worth the investment as the 'fish rots from the head' and 4 years can be a long time. So having more resources to assist can only be a good thing - maybe it could be on a 'fixed term' contract.	3/6/2024 10:27 AM
5	Turn as much of the process for elections over to ECSA. Council administrations should not be tasked with any role that puts them at odds with elected members, potential elected members, enrolled voters or potential enrolled voters. The process must be seen to be completely independent in order for electors to have confidence in the system.	3/4/2024 12:50 PM

Q3 Suggested change to existing voting eligibility for Head Lease holder? CoA Comment: Currently a holder of a headlease who is not in occupation of the land (i.e. a head lessee who has wholly sub-let property to another) is considered an 'owner' under the Local Government Act 1999. When this situation occurs, under the Act neither party is eligible to be enrolled to vote in their own right. Instead, they must be enrolled as a group of owners. An unattended consequence is that each unique owner and head lessee combination would constitute a unique voter's group. In relation to the above, there are significant practical issues in that Council is expected to somehow know of and record the details of all owners, including people who hold leases but do not occupy the land. While the Council learns of changes to ownership through the LTO, there is no practical way to learn of changes to commercial leasing arrangements. The Council's system can record the property owner and the occupier but is not able to accurately record and capture head lessees and reflect the correct voting entitlement. Further, it is unlikely that property owners and headlease holders would be aware they are only entitled to a group voting entitlement

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	57.14% 4
No	42.86% 3
TOTAL	7

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with comments; this potentially allows unfair power dynamics where the owner may influence the voting direction of a lessee against their own intentions. It may result in more votes being cast for a candidate the owner prefers rather than several candidates the lessees may prefer who better engage with or represent them. An owner and a lessee should not be politically bound this way given the unequal power relations.	3/21/2024 11:35 AM

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2 This is a very complicated topic as I deal with the LTO on a daily basis. I think this needs to be reviewed it is own right and at the moment there is probably no real 'yes' and 'no' answer however more 'maybe'

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