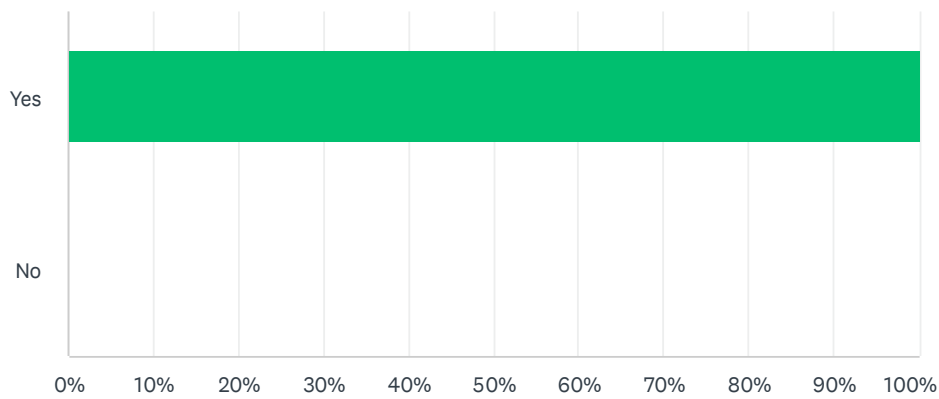


Q1 Would more, and a more diverse range of, people be attracted to the role if allowances were increased? CoA Comment: Potentially, yes Support a review of the construct of Council Member allowances, considering what the allowances are meant to be used for, and the expectations that community members 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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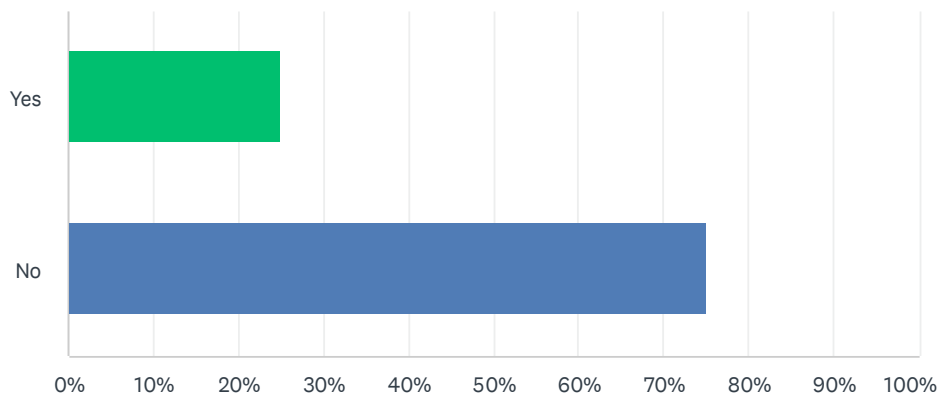


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Yes	100.00% 4
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
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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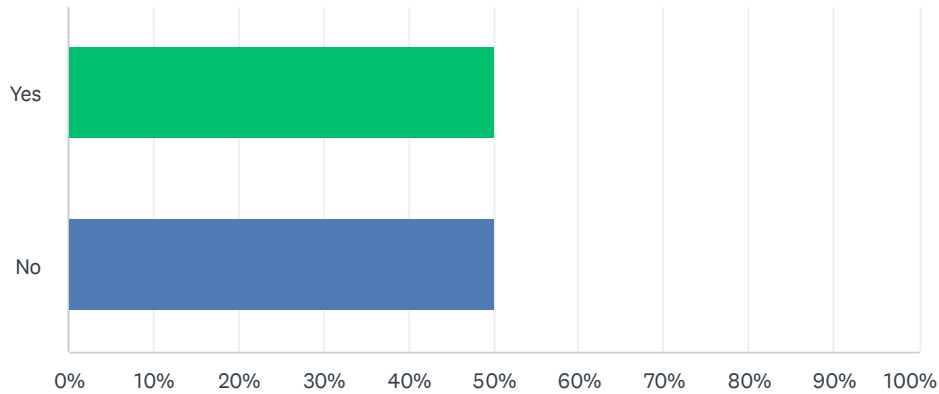


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	25.00% 1
No	75.00% 3
TOTAL	4

#	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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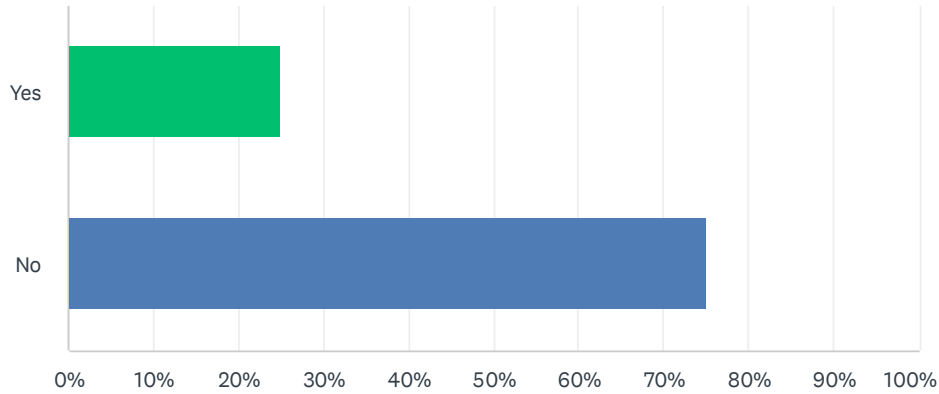
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
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No	50.00% 2
TOTAL	4

#	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 coonected 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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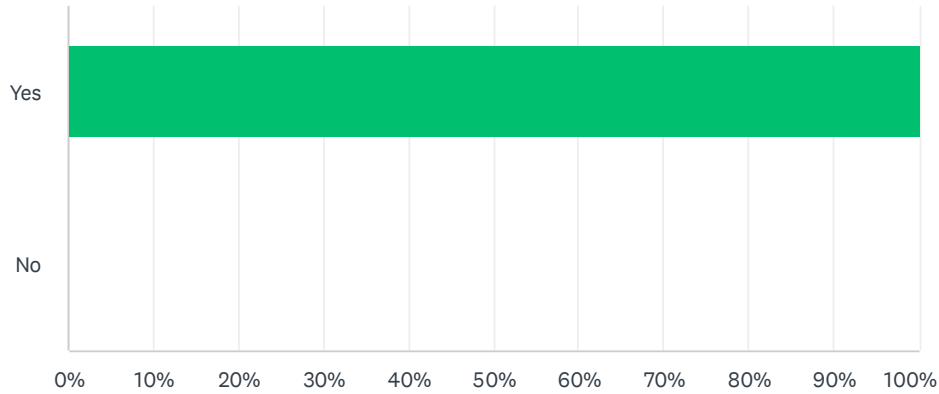


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	25.00% 1
No	75.00% 3
TOTAL	4

#	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

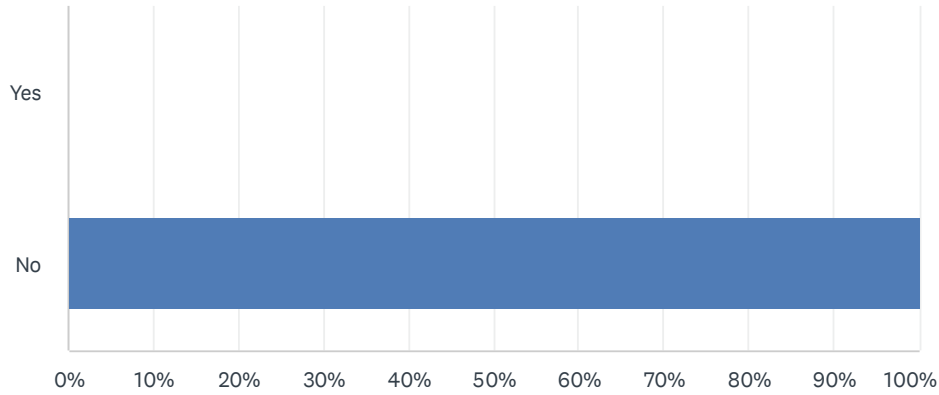
Q6 What forms of training could both benefit candidates and generate more community confidence in the people who are standing for election?

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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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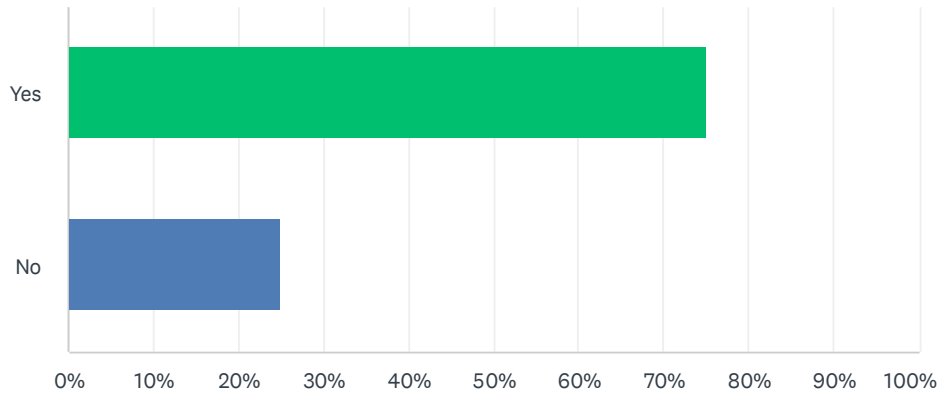


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No	100.00%	3
TOTAL		3

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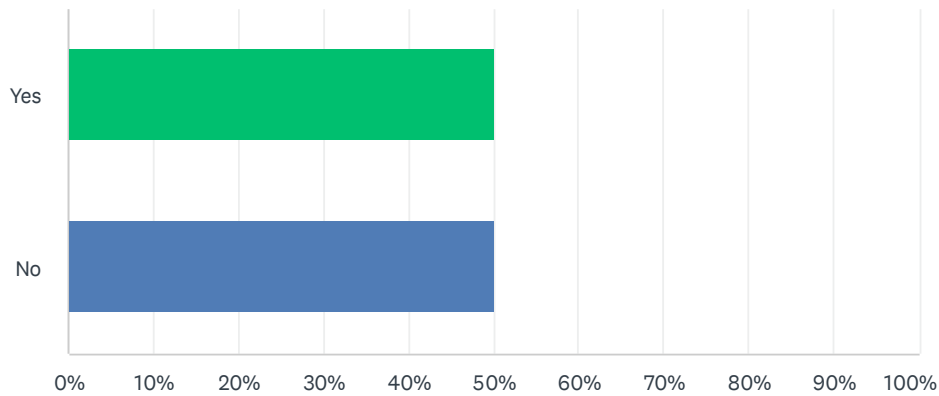
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.00% 3
No	25.00% 1
TOTAL	4

#	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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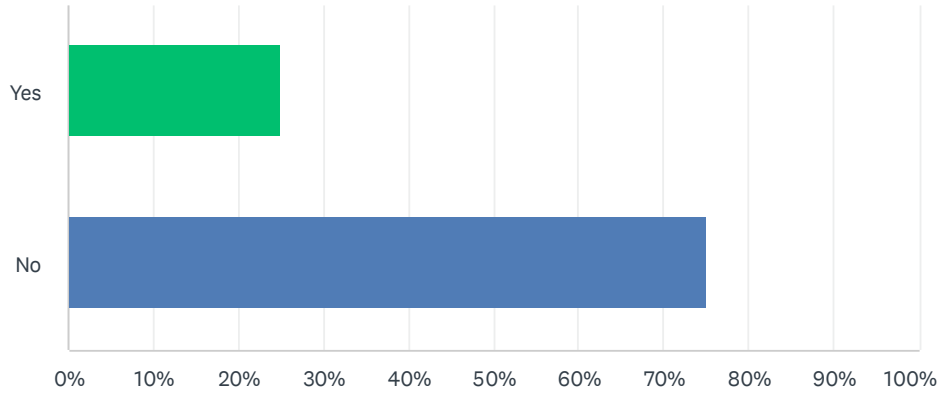


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Yes	50.00% 1
No	50.00% 1
TOTAL	2

#	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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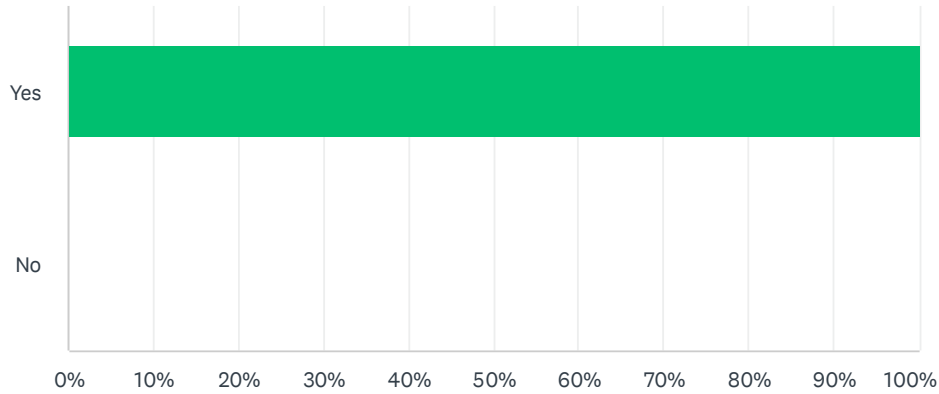


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	25.00% 1
No	75.00% 3
TOTAL	4

#	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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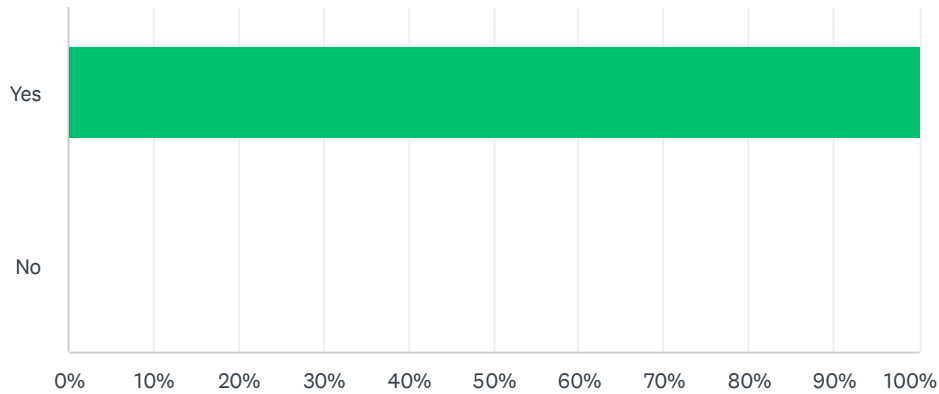


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100.00% 4
No	0.00% 0
TOTAL	4

#	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