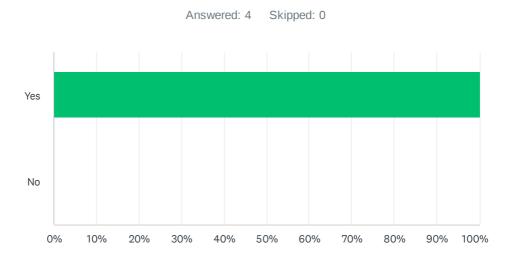
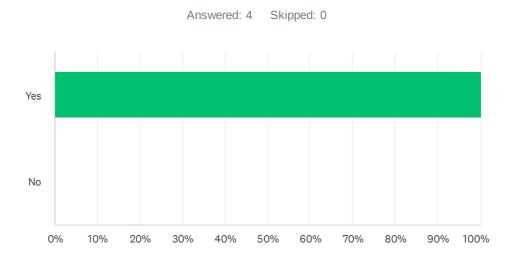
Q1 What requirements should be set for councils' community engagement for what decisions?CoA Comment:The City of Adelaide (CoA) endorses the Local Government Association's (LGA) draft Community Engagement Charter (Charter) and supports the minimum consultation period for those activities outlined in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



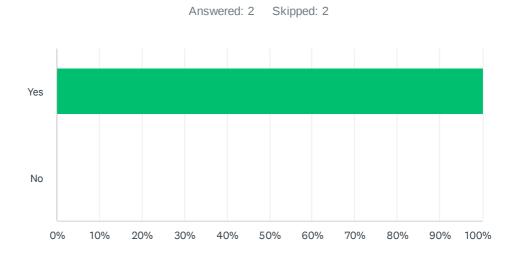
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Q2 What should be included in the Charter and what should be left for councils' own community engagement policies?CoA Comment:CoA considers the current proposal outlined in the draft LGA Charter appropriate. The engagement approach should be standardised 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.



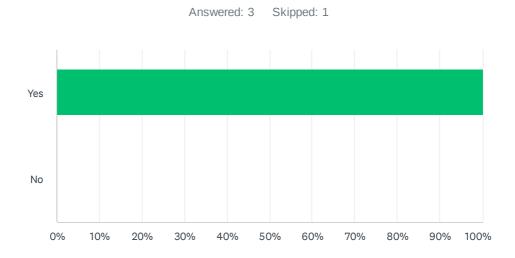
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Q3 Should councils have the capacity to determine how they will engage with their communities, or should the Charter be more directive in its approach?CoA Comment:Councils should have the capacity to determine how they engage. It is recognised, however, 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.



ANSWER C	HOICES	RESPONSES		
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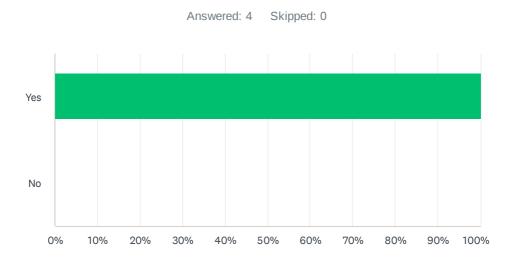
Q4 What other ideas do you have for councils' community engagement? CoA Comment: Having a panel of hard-to-reach groups and stakeholdersCoA recognises the community's expectation of having plain English documents with both summarised and detailed information. Councils must also communicate better regarding 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'.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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

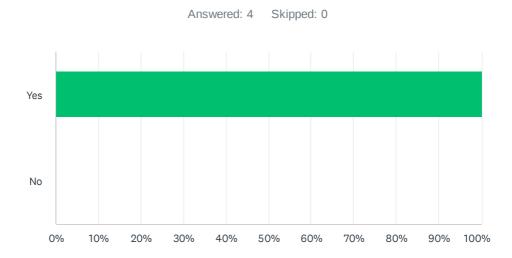
Q5 How would you like to see councils engage with you?CoA Comment:Feedback from we have heard from the community via our engagement activities includes the following:Longer consultation periods so group submissions can be madeRegular events where community members can discuss matters directly with the 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).



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

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
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

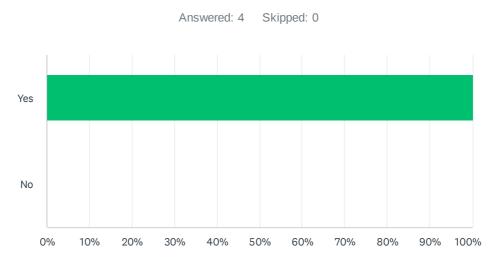
Q6 Should councils be required to livestream their meetings and make recordings available? CoA Comment: CoA has live-streamed its meetings and made them available on the internet before COVID-19. Councils should ensure that the meetings are inclusive and accessible to all members of the Community Council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



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

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
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 libaries and community centres	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

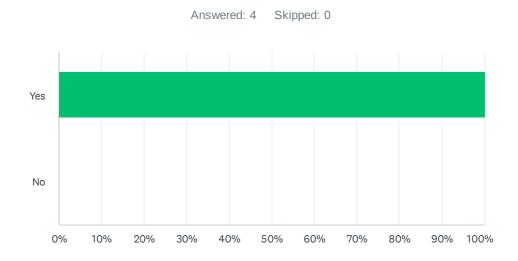
Q7 All metropolitan councils hold their council meetings during the evenings, but councils in regional areas often hold their meetings during business hours.CoA Comment:This should be an individual decision for each council, as well as considering how this may impact community participationSome regional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



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

#	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

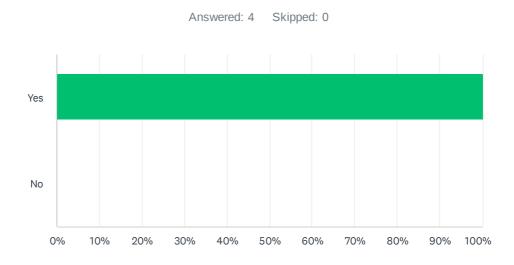
Q8 Should councils be required to hold their meetings at a particular time to maximise community participation? CoA CommentRather than a prescriptive time and given that each community has different needs, where a council chooses to hold meetings during business hours, community consultation should occur.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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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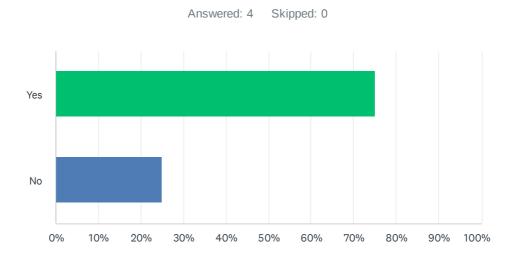
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1	Formal Council and Commitee meetings should continue to be held when ratepayers can attend outside of working or family responsibilities. It may be appropriate when discussing particular community matters to hold meetings or parts of a meeting in community locations at times other than otuside 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.



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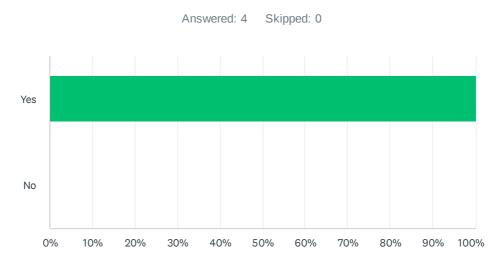
Q10 Should all council members be provided with a specific allowance to support constituent work, similar to the allowance that is provided to Members of Parliament?CoA Comment:Should be a decision of council as part of the Allowance and Benefit policy.



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

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
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

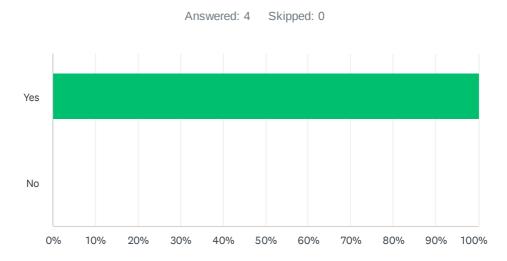
Q11 What other ideas do you have to strengthen the relationship between council members and their local community members?CoA Comment:Training as part of the Council Member Mandatory Training sessions on how to engage with communities.This training should provide guidance on using social media as well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



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

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
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

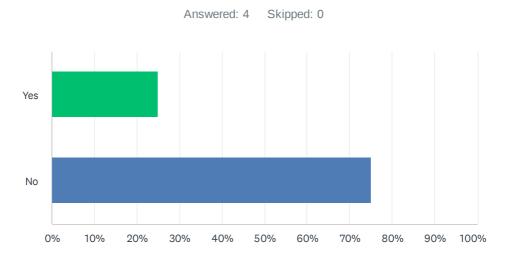
Q1 Would more, and a more diverse range of, people be attracted to the role if allowances were increased?CoA Comment:Potentially, yesSupport a review of the construct of Council Member allowances, considering what the allowances are meant to be used for, and the expectations that community members have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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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

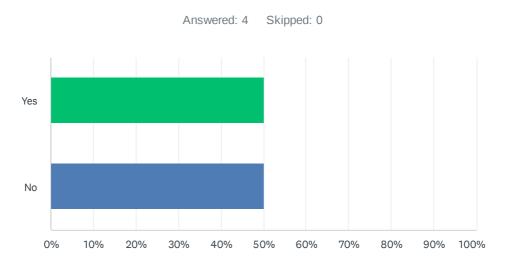
Q2 Should council members be able to attend some council meetings electronically?CoA Comment:Electronic attendance may assist flexibility, allowing Council Members to attend when they otherwise may not be able to. The ability to attend a meeting electronically should be a discretionary provision in the 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).



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

OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
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
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
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
I would be supportive of special dispensarion 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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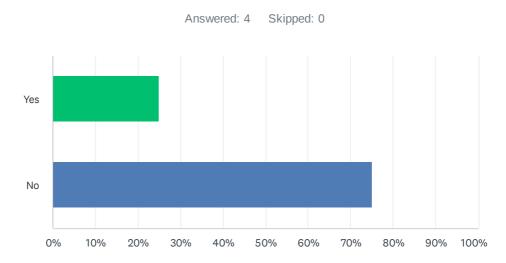
Q3 Are there other efforts that councils could make to increase interest in standing over a council term, for example, by working with ratepayers or other community organisations?CoA Comment:Councils already work extensively with community organisations to raise awareness concerning Local Government Elections and Nominations.



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 coonnected 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

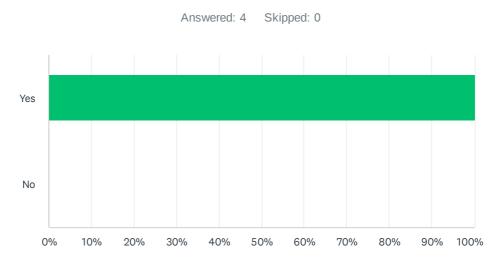
Q4 Should term limits for council members be introduced?CoA Comment:It is noted that the institutionalised knowledge long-serving Council Members bringThese members have served for a long time because their community continues to choose them to represent this.If term limits are to be introduced, three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



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



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

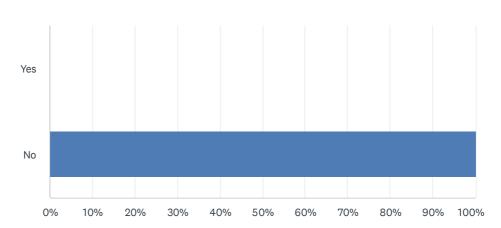
## Q6 What forms of training could both benefit candidates and generate more community confidence in the people who are standing for election?

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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

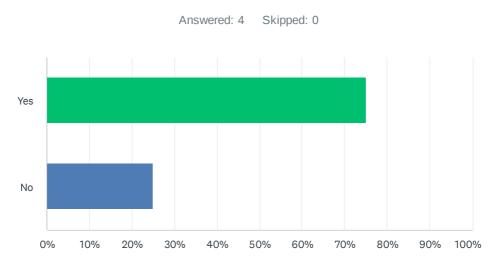




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No	100.00%	3
TOTAL		3

#	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

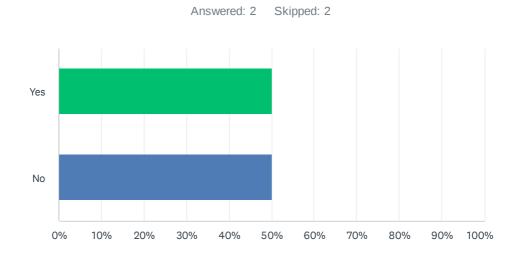
Q8 If ECSA continues to receive nominations directly, should there be arequirement for nominations to be published throughout the nomination process, not just at the end? If so, how should these be published?CoA Comment:ECSA should publish on their website daily. Extra resources should be assigned to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



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

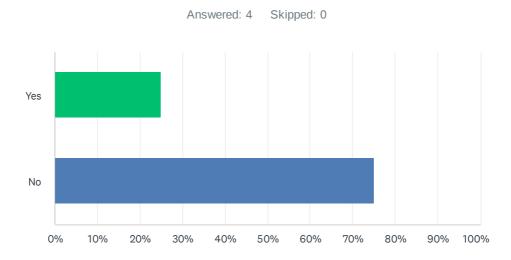
Q9 Should councils continue to have wards? If so, why? And if not, what would be the benefits of removing them? Should wards only be kept in councils where the council's size warrants their retention?CoA Comment:It should be up to the Community to decide how they want to be represented and what (if any)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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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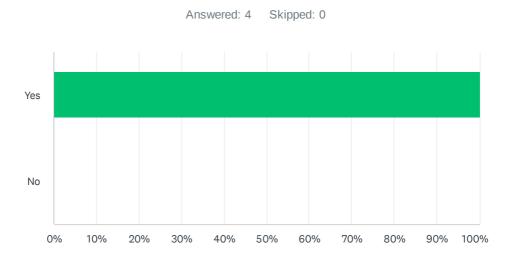
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1	I'm very much an anti-ward person. Simply because Councillors have to vote on the entire LG area they are elected to and not just their Ward. There may be an argument if the Council if it is a Council over a large geographical area.	3/6/2024 9:56 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.



ANSWER C	CHOICES	RESPONSES		
Yes		25.00%		1
No		75.00%		3
TOTAL				4
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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 MembersAdversarial nature of debatePublic scrutiny Time commitment requiredNot knowing that training and support are provided for members to do their role Understanding of local government Lack of support for the campaign

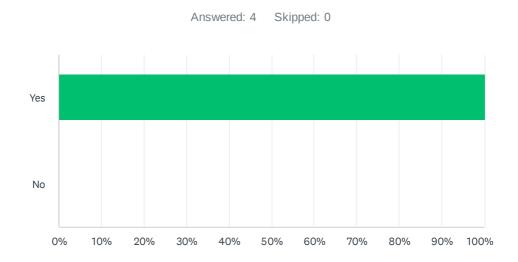


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	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

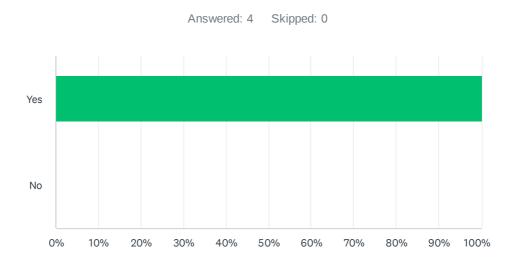
Comment:Link to promotion – understanding of the role, making known the support available Pre-mentor program started well before the election cycle Mid-term programs promoting the role of the Council Member



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

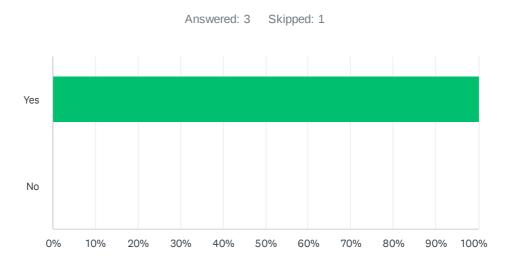
Q1 Is there any particular reason why councils do not warrant compulsory voting when the two other spheres of Australian governments do? Should voting for councils be compulsory in South Australian council elections?CoA Comment:Compulsory voting should be introduced for the House of Assembly Roll in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



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 looks 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

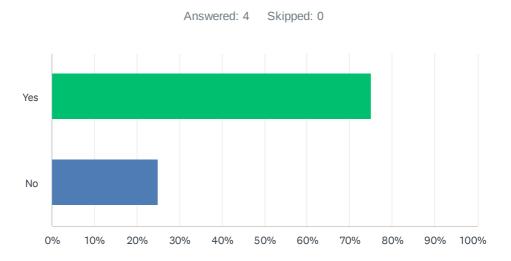
Q2 How should people vote for their councils?CoA
Comment:PostalPostal voting is a very convenient method for the
community.It is noted there were numerous complaints during the last
election with residents not receiving voting material or receiving incorrect
voting material.Delays by Australia Post meant 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



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 Iga 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

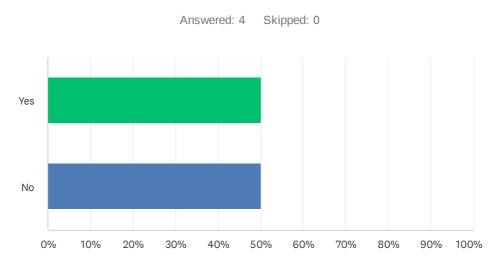
Q3 Should the franchise for council elections be changed in any way? CoA Comment:Form OneThe requirements for non-citizens should be tightened to ensure that there is a reasonable interest in the outcome of the election, and, if a candidate, that the candidate will be able to fulfil their term of office. 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.



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

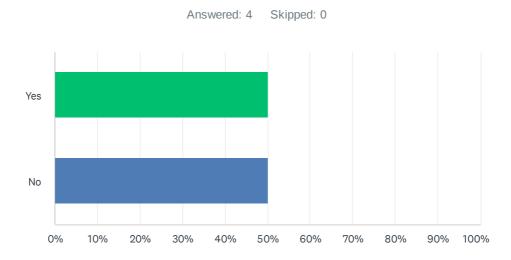
Q4 Should council elections be moved to a different year from South Australian Government elections?CoA Comment:Running the state and local government elections in the same year puts increased strain on ECSA's finite resources.A move to a different year may increase the local government elections profile.



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

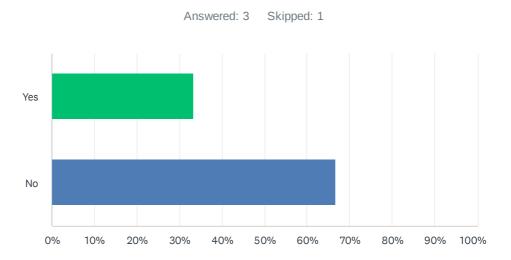
Q5 Should councils have a stronger role in promoting elections locally to increase voter turnout?CoA Comment:Councils already play a large role in local promotion. Better coordination between ECSA and LGA campaigns and collateral would be beneficial.



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

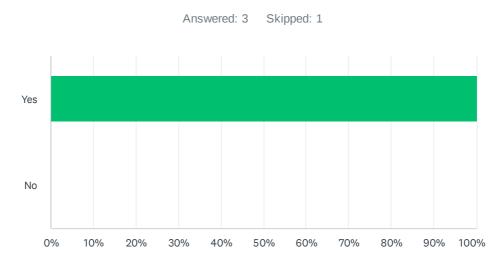
Q6 Would removing wards provide voters with greater choice, and produce fairer results?CoA Comment:In the City of Adelaide, it could decrease voter turnout, some voters currently vote in a number of wards (as they may live in one ward and own businesses in other wards).The decision to remove wards should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



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

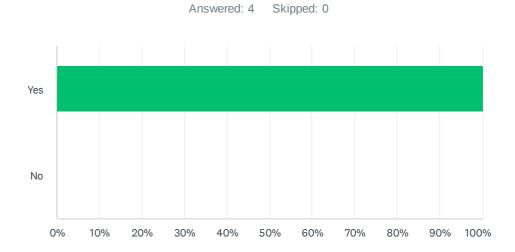
Q7 Is it fair for someone who has 'served their time' to have to release this information? COA Comment:Candidates should meet minimum eligibility requirement (similar to ASX director requirements, working with children check). That a candidate meets the minimum eligibility requirements to nominate is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



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

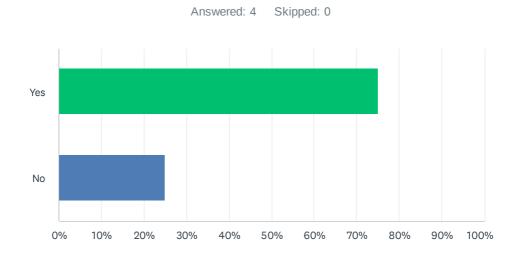
Q8 What information should candidates be required to include with their nominations?CoA Comment:Political affiliationsLive in the council area (and what ward)A Declaration form (similar to register of interest) which has the same public information as serving Council Members have



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 Iga represented. There have been shocking instances of candidates moving to an Iga 8 weeks before an election and then out of the same Ig a 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

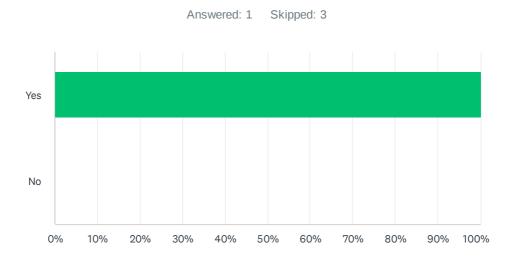
Q9 Is there a role for councils to play in enabling all candidates to reach potential voters?CoA Comment:It is a decision for each Council if they would like to run information sessions such as candidate nights etc.



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

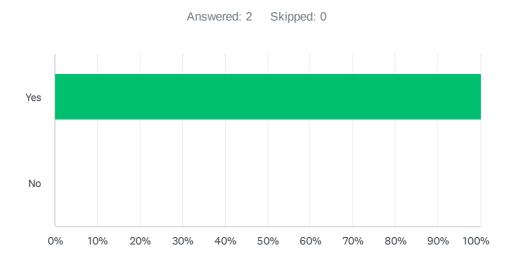
Q10 What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?CoA Comment:Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council MembersAdversarial nature of debatePublic scrutiny Time commitment requiredNot knowing that training and support is provided for members to do their role Understanding of local government Lack of support to campaign



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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.



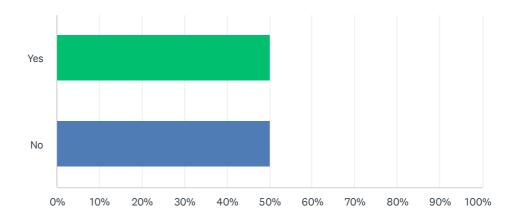
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	2
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		2

#	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 labourintensive 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.

Answered: 2 Skipped: 0

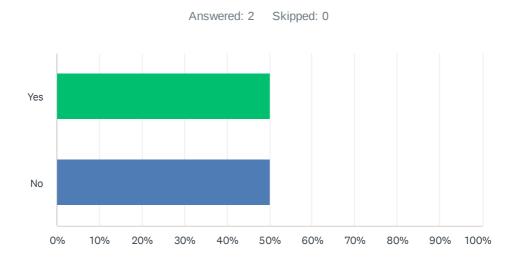
## Recommendation 1 - Item 4.1 - Attachment B Local Government Participation Elections Review



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



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