

Election of LGA President 2024 - 2026

Tuesday, 24 September 2024
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

Program Contact:
Chief Executive Officer

Public

Approving Officer:
Michael Sedgman, Chief
Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Clinton Jury, Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) has written to the Chief Executive Officer to advise of nominations received for the position of LGA President and request that Council cast its vote.

Council at its meeting on 13 August 2024 approved the nomination of Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith for the position of LGA President.

At the close of nominations on 16 August 2024, nominations had been received from five eligible candidates (listed in the order of the ballot draw):

- Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith (City of Adelaide)
- Mayor Michael COXON (City of West Torrens)
- Mayor Kris HANNA (City of Marion)
- Mayor Heather HOLMES-ROSS (City of Mitcham)
- Mayor Claire BOAN (City of Port Adelaide Enfield)

The completed ballot form must be received by the LGA by 5.00pm on Monday 4 November 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the report.
 2. Resolves to cast its vote for the Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith (Council's nominee) for the position of LGA President 2024 – 2026.
 3. Approves for the ballot paper to be marked in accordance with Council's resolution.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Participating in the election process to appoint the LGA President supports the objective of bold leadership and partnerships to meet challenges and take up new opportunities.
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Participating in the election of LGA President provides an opportunity for Council to contribute to decision making on matters relevant to the Local Government sector.
24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
24/25 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. The Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) has previously called for nominations for the position of LGA President from the conclusion of the 2024 Annual General Meeting and remaining in office until the conclusion of the 2026 Annual General Meeting.
2. Clinton Jury, Chief Executive Officer of the LGA has advised that nominations have been received for the position of LGA President as follows:
 - 2.1 Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith (City of Adelaide)
 - 2.2 Mayor Michael COXON (City of West Torrens)
 - 2.3 Mayor Kris HANNA (City of Marion)
 - 2.4 Mayor Heather HOLMES-ROSS (City of Mitcham)
 - 2.5 Mayor Claire BOAN (City of Port Adelaide Enfield).
3. A copy of each of the candidate's profiles can be viewed at [Link 1](#).
4. At its meeting on 13 August 2024, Council resolved:

"That Council

 1. *Approves the nomination of Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith for the position of Local Government Association of SA President."*
5. Nominee Mayor Michael Coxon has written to Council seeking support for his nomination ([Link 2](#)).
6. In accordance with clause 29 of the LGA Constitution, the casting of the vote by Council must be conducted as follows:
 - 6.1 Council shall determine by resolution the candidate it wishes to elect.
 - 6.2 Council's appointed delegate (the Lord Mayor) or, in the absence of the delegate, the person chairing the Council meeting, shall mark the ballot paper with an "X" next to the candidate that Council wishes to be elected.
7. The completed ballot paper must be delivered to the LGA by 5:00pm on Monday, 4 November 2024.
8. The counting of votes will take place on Tuesday 5 November 2024 commencing at 10.00am.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – LGA President Candidate Profiles

Link 2 – Correspondence received from Mayor Michael Coxon

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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