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Council Member
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Martin

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council;

Consistent with successive Council terms at the City of Adelaide's in our strong support for reconciliation, agrees to recommend to all residents of the City a "yes" vote at the referendum to be held later this year to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice and asks the Administration to;

1. Develop a page on Council's website setting out the resolution of Council supporting the "yes" vote, together with information about the referendum including, when available, locations at which votes can be cast in our local government area, and
2. Arrange for official Australian Government publications related to the referendum to be accessed with an online link or, in the case of printed material, through the Colonel Light Centre, Council libraries and Community Centres.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The [State Government](#) and Federal Government have committed to establishing a First Nations Voice to Parliament and are running parallel but separate processes to fulfill these commitments.
2. State Government's *First Nations Voice Bill 2023* was introduced to Parliament on Thursday 9 February 2023 and was introduced into the lower house on 7 March 2023. A Special Parliamentary Sitting and State Ceremony was held on Sunday 26 March 2023 to acknowledge the First Nations Voice Bill 2023.
3. The Federal Government introduced the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022* to Parliament on 1 December 2022. The Bill will make amendments to ensure the referendum voting process and experience is similar to that of a Federal election. The Bill will be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, which will report in 2023.
4. City of Adelaide has not adopted a formal position on the First Nations Voice to Parliament and has to date treated the vote as a decision for an individual.
5. If this motion is passed, Administration will develop a City of Adelaide webpage supporting the "yes" vote and providing information about how to vote and links to external resources; and provide hard copy materials in Council venues.
6. Administration will maintain contact with the Australian Electoral Commission to access its resources to support the community.
7. This motion will also be noted at the May 2023 Reconciliation Committee of Council.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:

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| Public consultation | City of Adelaide will disseminate information about the Voice to Parliament. |
| External consultant advice | Not applicable |
| Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach) | Not applicable |
| Impacts on existing projects | Not applicable |
| Budget reallocation | Not applicable |
| Capital investment | Not applicable |
| Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion | Not applicable |
| Other | Not applicable |
| Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment | 5.5 hours |

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