

Dear Council and City Staff,

I am writing in regard to Item 10. I support using the number of votes a candidate receives to select the Vice Mayor. This is preferable to a “random number” generator for many reasons, chiefly that no elected position in the United States is selected by “random numbers.”

Hopefully and ideally, the entire democratic process is based on votes not on random numbers.

Some, like Trump, might want democracy to run on random numbers but let’s keep the core principle of democracy at the heart of our City governance rooted in democratic process.

Most cities elect mayors so it would seem appropriate and fitting to use votes as the way to select the mayor.

The idea of a “random number” generator disrespects constituent votes and also completely dismisses the basic foundation of our democracy.

Thank you for your work.

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