



## **REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA DATE:** June 22, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider adopting a resolution governing write-in vote counting.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Minnesota Statutes 204B.09, subd. 3 allows municipalities to adopt a resolution governing the counting of write-in votes. The resolution can require that write-in votes for an individual candidate on the ballot will be recorded if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate.

Often, write-ins consist of fictitious names such as Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, etc. When election judges are required to count each and every write-in, requiring visual inspection of each ballot at the polling place, this often causes unnecessary delays in getting results to the county courthouse after the polls close on election nights.

Staff is recommending the adoption of a resolution governing the counting of write-in votes.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to adopt a resolution governing write-in vote counting.