



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: August 4, 2026

Agenda Item: Potential of consolidating polling locations for low turnout

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

At the April 21, 2026, Common Council meeting, Councilmember Hicks requested a future agenda item to discuss the potential of consolidating polling locations for low turnout elections. This past year, I have been working with members on Campus as they are trying to become a Voter Friendly Campus. However, I was invited to campus in June for SOAR, when incoming freshmen would be on campus with their parents, and have their addresses for the upcoming year, so I could do voter registration. I was contacted the morning of, to not come to campus since SOAR was only for services that UW offers.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

At the August 20, 2024, Council meeting, a MOU was approved to have every election at both the Armory and UW Campus except August, since the students are not on Campus at that time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

See Spreadsheet

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Odd years, when there are no Presidential or Gubernatorial elections, I do not think we should have polling locations on campus. It is a lot of work to set up both locations and find the workers to fill both locations.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

Voter Turnout/Cost Spreadsheet.

