

## Notice of Motion, Cr Mayne: Conduct of the 2016 Council Election

24 November 2015

**Motion**

1. That Council:
  - 1.1 Requests officers to expand the proposed report for the February 2016 council meeting to factually outline the administration's program of actions for the conduct of the 2016 council election, including information on:
    - 1.1.1 verification and maintenance of the electoral roll;
    - 1.1.2 voting method (postal or attendance)
    - 1.1.3 key dates;
    - 1.1.4 key metrics from the 2012 election (turn out, size of roll, informal vote etc)
    - 1.1.5 advertising and information campaigns, including *Melbourne News*;
    - 1.1.6 letting of contracts with the VEC and other parties;
    - 1.1.7 candidate information sessions;
    - 1.1.8 application of the caretaker provisions; and
    - 1.1.9 any other information which the administration believes to be relevant and of interest to those who intend to participate in the election, whether as a candidate or a voter.

**Background**

The Local Government Act and the City of Melbourne Act largely govern how the 2016 council election will be conducted, so this motion is more about providing the community with a one-stop shop report on all matters relevant to the election.

The report is primarily for information and from a council approval point of view, will probably just be for noting, but it may also trigger some discussions on issues where council may like to take a position, change practice or request changes in practice or regulations from third parties, such as the VEC or the State Government.

For instance, should Council take formal steps to avoid a repeat of the 2012 situation when an estimated 8000 postal ballots arrived after the close of voting and were excluded?

**Moved:** Cr Mayne