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**North Park Planning Committee  
Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Revising Election Bylaws**

**ADDENDUM**

We offer these observations to clarify the thinking that went into our recommended election bylaw revisions and to share points of consensus:

**Updating bylaws is an iterative process.** Our group has recognized that our work will improve election bylaws but not perfect them. The 2022 election will help show the way toward future improvements.

**The issue of voter eligibility needs ongoing consideration.** We have aimed to increase turnout by enfranchising more voters, even those, such as homeless people, who lack traditional means of identity certification. We also have aimed to ensure fair elections by preventing fraudulent votes. Finding a way to meet both objectives will always be challenging.

**Online voting requires careful attention.** This technological election option is still new and rarely used. But the future of public elections is certain to include it. As long as we can avoid the glitches in the 2021 election, we feel online voting should be made available.

**An interactive candidates' forum would benefit the election process.** We would encourage local NGOs to stage a public forum where voters have an opportunity to question the candidates and hear their views on specific issues.

**The NPPC 2022 Election Subcommittee should represent North Park's ideological diversity.** We believe the inclusion of two non-YIMBY non-Board members in our group strengthened our deliberations and will give our recommendations greater credibility. The 2022 Election Subcommittee should strive for that same diversity. We came together as strangers from opposing political camps. We are now colleagues who have learned from one another.