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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the VEC's option A. I do not like the current arrangement where there is only a single Councillor in a ward; you are totally reliant on this Councillor being interested or concerned in your issue, whereas there is more likelihood another may share or accommodate your view. Option A will promote more diversity on council, both in ensuring all widespread opinions get a hearing and in giving opportunities for minorities currently dissuaded from entering council to get elected. We must also ensure that a candidate's actual political bias be recognised so that Councillors within the same ward cannot reflect the same political bias. Finally we must have an odd number of total Councillors to avoid the potential of a tied decision. Option B could also significantly improve the council, but no where as well as option A.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Roger Neal East**

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*Via Boroondara Citizens for Better Democracy, [www.boroondarademocracy.com](http://www.boroondarademocracy.com)*

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