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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the VEC's option A. This proposal will promote diversity on council, both in ensuring all widespread opinions get a hearing and in giving opportunities for minority demographics that are currently excluded from council to get elected. These are important democratic principles.

Of all areas of government, we should expect local government most of all to fairly reflect the diversity of interest within the local community.

Option B would also significantly improve the council, but not to the same extent as option A.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Ashley Wharton**

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

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