

Caucus Email –
October 14



Vote "Yes" Today at the Annual Meeting at Gorton Center (2-8 pm) for the Alternative Voting Methods Bylaws Amendment!

The Vote is Today!

We need every Lake Forest registered voter to come to the Gorton Center today and vote **"YES"** for the Alternative Voting Methods Bylaws Amendment and our recommended City Council candidates. We need a 2/3rds "YES" vote to pass the Amendment!

This Amendment does **NOT** eliminate "in person" voting. It expands voting options for those who register for it. **"In person" voting at each Caucus vote will remain for those who want to appear "in person."**

The text of the proposed Alternative Voting Methods Amendment can be found [here](#) and the Amendment presentation provided at the public meetings can be found [here](#).

A demo of the Simply Voting process can be viewed [here](#) and a demo of the eBallot process [here](#).

The bios of the City Council Caucus Committee recommended candidates can be found [here](#).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Why you should Vote "Yes" for the Alternative Voting Methods Bylaws Amendment on 10/14!

Over the past few days, emails have been circulated which contain inaccurate information about electronic voting. The facts below support why you should Vote "Yes" for this Amendment:

1. **Electronic voting is optional. It will not eliminate "in person" voting.**
2. **Caucus votes are affirmations of candidates to endorse**, not contested municipal, state or federal elections. Caucus votes do not elect governmental representatives.
3. **Governments in 35 countries utilize electronic voting** including the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, France, India, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, Belgium, Dominican Republic, Paraguay, Panama, etc.
4. **Hacking fears are baseless. The final two vendors have never been hacked** in the decades they have provided these services. **The Caucus has never been hacked.**
5. **Political organizations and cities that are clients of a final vendor and utilize electronic voting** - Republican Party of Mesa, Maryland Republican Party, Democratic Party of Oregon, DC Democratic Party, Kansas Democratic Party, New York State Democratic Committee, South Dakota Democratic Party, Green Party of Canada, Liberal Party of Canada, City of El Paso, and Clarington.
6. Lake Forest has 15,454 registered voters. Less than 1/2 of 1% of registered voters, typically vote "in person". Why? **Residents who are sick, disabled, who don't drive, who are out of town for business or pleasure, who have childcare responsibilities, who work in Chicago or other counties, away college students, etc., cannot appear "in person" to vote.**
7. **The Ad Hoc Committee included electronic voting in each of its "no vote" recommendations and supports the Amendment.** It would not have done so if electronic voting was unsafe, too costly, etc.
8. **Electronic voting costs are not an issue. The Caucus is funded by private donations and not by taxpayer dollars. Caucus donors support electronic voting.** Electronic voting costs will be almost completely covered by savings from the Caucus eliminating the use of expensive mail service for the Caucus Connection Ballot.
9. **Meta Data.** If requested, the final vendors can produce for a recount the meta data (trail) in paper format that supports the vote results.
10. **Confidentiality.** The Caucus will not know how an individual voted: only the names of who voted electronically and the total voting results (i.e., how many "yes/no" votes were cast).
11. **No confidential voter information is disclosed.** Voters who register will receive a unique password to input to access the online portal. The vendor will only be provided with the voter's name and address who matches the password. **Emails, phone numbers and voting history, will not be provided.**

Expanding voting options allows registered voters who have not been able to participate, to vote, and will encourage community engagement, increase voter input, and make vote outcomes more representative of the community at large. Continuing to have only "in person" voting ensures that votes can be determined by a very small number of residents many of whom may belong to special interest agenda driven groups.

Please vote **"YES"** for this Amendment! We need a 2/3rds **"YES"** vote to pass!

Thank you!





**THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS BYLAWS
AMENDMENT WILL NOT ELIMINATE “IN PERSON” VOTING**

The Caucus proposed Alternative Voting Methods Bylaws Amendment **WILL NOT ELIMINATE “IN PERSON” VOTING**. The Amendment allows for “in person” and alternative voting methods to be implemented at each election. Those registered voters who want to vote in any election “in person” will continue to be able to do so, while those registered voters who cannot appear “in person” will have the option of voting remotely. Voting remotely will only be available for those registered voters who sign up for it. Those who choose not to register for electronic voting will be able to continue to vote “in person” and any voter who has registered for electronic voting would also retain the right to instead vote “in person” at their option. Simply put, members will continue to have the option to vote “in person” at any election, if desired.

This Amendment **expands voting options for registered voters**. Alternative and electronic voting options were recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee in all of their “no vote” recommendations.

This Amendment will be voted on at the Caucus Annual Meeting on **October 14, 2025 from 2:00 – 8:00 pm at the Gorton Center**. In order to pass any Bylaws Amendment, a 2/3rds affirmative vote is required. This Amendment will transform voting in Lake Forest and make it accessible to all, even those who historically have been unable to vote because they could not be present at the designated time and day to cast their vote.

Please vote **“Yes”** for this Amendment so we can better enable our entire community to participate in the Lake Forest Caucus process!

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736 N. Western Ave, Suite 256, Lake Forest, IL 60045

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Thank you for your support.

