CITY OF CHAMPAIGN TOWNSHIP

**REPORT TO TOWN BOARD**

**FROM**: Thomas Yu, Township Attorney

**DATE**: November 6, 2026

**SUBJECT**: Ordinance 2026-1101: Resolution Rejecting a Petition to Place An Advisory Question on the Ballot for the April 6, 2027, Election

**A. INTRODUCTION:** The purpose of this resolution is to reject a petition to place an advisory question on the ballot for the April 6, 2027, election.

**B. RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Township Administration recommends approval of this Resolution to reject the petition.

**C. BACKGROUND:** On September 30, 2026, a petition was filed with the Township Clerk for the township board to hold a special township meeting for the electors to vote to place an advisory question on the ballot for the April 6, 2027, election. The advisory question states "Shall the State of Illinois repeal amendments to the Illinois Pension Code that penalize American businesses for boycotting the State of Israel."

The Township Code only authorizes advisory questions to be adopted by the township board at its *annual* meeting, which is the second Tuesday of April each year. 60 ILCS 1/30-10(b)(emphasis added); 60 ILCS 1/30-5. The Township Code strictly requires that if the majority of electors vote at its *annual* meeting to authorize the placement of an advisory question, then it is to "be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election in the township." 60 ILCS 1/30-205. After the annual meeting in April 2026, the *next* regularly scheduled election in the Township is the November 3, 2026, election.

The Second District Appellate Court in *Hennessy* held that the court cannot compel a special township meeting where petitioners have not complied with the statutory prerequisites entitling them to such a meeting. *Hennessy v. Wauconda Twp. Bd. of Trs.*, 2014 IL App (2d) 140281-U, at ¶ 28.

For the foregoing reasons, staff recommends that the township board pass a resolution rejecting the petition to place an advisory question on the ballot for the April 6, 2027, election.

**D. PUBLIC INPUT:** Citizens will have an opportunity to provide public comment during the November 10 meeting.

**E. BUDGET IMPACT:** There is no budget impact.

**F. STAFFING IMPACT:** Approval of this resolution does not impact staff workload or operations.

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