RESOLUTION 2026-1101

A RESOLUTION REJECTING A PETITION TO PLACE AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON THE BALLOT FOR THE APRIL 6, 2027, ELECTION

Whereas, 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.

Whereas, 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."

Whereas, 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.

Whereas, 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.

Whereas, after the annual meeting in April 2026, the *next* regularly scheduled election in the Township is the November 3, 2026, election.

Whereas, 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.

Whereas, 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.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the City of Champaign Township, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1. That the petition to place an advisory question on the ballot for the April 6, 2027, election was filed with the Town Clerk.

SECTION 2. That the petition fails to meet the statutory requirements under the Township Code.

SECTION 3. That the petition is hereby rejected.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

Ordinance No. 2026-1101

PASSED:

APPROVED: _____
Deborah Frank Feinen
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: _____
Shannon Myers
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Thomas Yu, Township Attorney