CODE CHANGES 2023: INSTANT RUN-OFF CHANGES

TO: Council
FROM: Elections Committee
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Amendment to update the Code.

Additions are indicated by ***bold italics.*** Deletions are made by striking through (~~like this).~~

SECTION IX: CODE PROCEDURES

A.   ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

Article 7.   Counting of Ballots and Release of Results

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3.   Ballot Counting System

Ranked ballots shall be used for Executive elections. The voters shall be asked to rank candidates for each position using numeral marks, with "1" indicating the most preferred, "2" the second most preferred, and so on. Candidates who are not ranked shall be considered to have a lower preference than any ranked candidate.

Instant Run-Off voting shall be used for each Executive position:

(a)   Voters shall rank the candidates in order of preference. Ballots are first counted for each voter's top choice. If a candidate has more than half of the top-choice votes, that candidate wins the election.

(b) If not, then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and the voters who selected the eliminated candidate as a first choice then have their votes added to the totals of their next choice. This process continues until a candidate has more than half of the votes.

(c) ***If there are only two candidates remaining after eliminating all other candidates, but both candidates receive less than half the votes, the candidate with the most votes will win the election.***