



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – February 22, 2023 Agenda Item 2

### **Presentation**

2022 Election Report

### **Recommended Council Action**

Receive the presentation, ask questions and provide feedback.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The November 8, 2022 City Election was the second City election held since the election date was synchronized with the date of presidential and gubernatorial general elections, and the second vote-by-mail election for Takoma Park.

John Quinn from the Board of Elections will present the report to the Council on February 22.

Board of Elections Members:

- Tim Anderegg (Ward 6)
- Ben Bellows (Ward 3)
- Matthew Ling (Ward 2)
- Margaret Morehouse, Chair (Ward 2)
- John Quinn (Ward 5)
- Angel Tabe (Ward 2)

### **Council Priority**

Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government

### **Environmental Considerations**

Vote-by-mail elections use more paper than a typical polling place-based election because of the mailing materials needed. Additionally, packets are mailed to every active registered voter rather than only to those that request them.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

Costs for the 2022 election total \$64,500 plus \$7,600 for an election intern. More details will be provided in the election report.

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

One reason for the change of date for City elections was to increase voter turnout, particularly in Wards 4, 5, and 6 and among residents living in apartment buildings, because they are more likely to vote in state elections than in municipal elections. While more residents in these wards have voted in the last two City elections, the turnout is still only 30-40%. In Wards 1, 2, and 3, we are seeing turnout of 50% or more.

### **Attachments and Links**

Election Report (to be posted)