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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
**TO:** Town Clerk  
**FROM:** Michael Borg   
**CC:** Neil Lambert, Chair of the Elections Board of Commissioners  
**RE:** Measure 2026-052- Approval for Elections Department to "Opt Out of Mail in Ballots" for the Upcoming Election on April 7, 2026.

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**Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré**  
**Measure 2026-052- Approval for Elections Department to "Opt Out of Mail in Ballots" for the Upcoming Election in April 7, 2026.**

### **Purpose and Justification:**

#### **Purpose:**

To request an exemption from mail-in ballots for the April 7, 2026 Town election.

#### **Justification:**

The timeline for preparing and distributing mail-in ballots for the Town election is closely aligned with the demanding schedule of the election preparations. The process begins 33 days prior to the Town election, involving a meticulous setup and approval procedure with Elections Systems & Software, followed by a printing phase. This concurrent scheduling poses significant challenges in ensuring the timely receipt of ballots by the Elections office, especially early voting and absentee ballots. Upon receipt, each ballot undergoes a rigorous accuracy check before being dispatched to voters. This overlapping timeframe creates an intensive workload, heightening the risk of errors in processing and mailing the ballots. Moreover, it compresses the period available for voters to receive, complete, and return their ballots, potentially impacting the integrity and efficiency of the voting process. Therefore, opting out of mail-in ballots is proposed to mitigate these risks and ensure a smooth and error-free election process.

The Town Council met on February 9, 2026, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Simmons to approve Measure 2026-052- Approval for Elections Department to "Opt Out of Mail in Ballots" for the Upcoming Election on April 7, 2026.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donovan.

A roll call vote was taken. Councilor McCarthy-Yes, Councilor Donovan-Yes, Councilor Simmons-Yes, Councilor Slobogan-Yes, Councilor Costell-Yes, Councilor Wagner-Yes.

**Motion carried. 6-0. UNANIMOUS**