TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2006 CMR:402:06

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A VOTER CONFIDENCE RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council approve the attached Voter Confidence Resolution prepared by the City Attorney.

BACKGROUND
At its September 18, 2006 meeting, City Council approved the Voter Confidence Resolution with certain modifications and directed the City Attorney to prepare a final version of the resolution. The Voter Confidence Resolution is in support of absentee ballots because voting on paper is the only way to ensure an accurate recount of votes. The Human Relations Commission (HRC) is recommending a Voter Confidence Resolution as a way of sending a message to local, state and federal election officials that we must return to a more participatory democracy.

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
At its February 9, 2006 meeting, the HRC Commissioners discussed a draft of the Voter Confidence Resolution. The HRC agreed to forward the resolution to the City Council for adoption and have the City Council direct the City Attorney to draft the final version of the resolution.

RESOURCE IMPACT
There should not be a significant impact on staff time.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: Final Version of the Voter Confidence Resolution

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