

## HCC Recommendation

TOPIC: The City Commissioners will be faced with the task of selecting a new commissioner to fill the seat vacated by Jim Smith when he becomes mayor in January.

RECOMMENDATION: The Helena Citizen's Council recommends to the City Commissioners that Mayor Smith consider the unsuccessful candidate in the election with the highest number of votes as his recommendation for appointment to fill his seat on the Commission.

VOTE: \_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_ Proponents \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ Opponents \_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_ Abstain

### DISCUSSION:

PROPONENTS: The process is a true reflection of the will of the people that voted in the last election

The last time that the Commissioners appointed someone to fill an open seat the process was flawed. Very few interviews were conducted considering the number of candidates that had applied.

OPPONENTS: There are many potential candidates that were not involved in the last election due to the cost of campaigning, etc.

The person receiving the highest number of votes does not necessarily reflect the will of the people since there were so many candidates splitting the vote.