

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
11/12/2024

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Library Board Advisory Referendum	Enza Petrarca Village Attorney

SYNOPSIS

At the request of Commissioner Davenport, the following proposal has been placed on the New Business Agenda.

Discuss the topic of placing an advisory referendum question concerning the library on the ballot for the April 1, 2025 consolidated election. The proposed language for the question is:

"Shall the Downers Grove Public Library become an independent unit of government, with its own levy and a separately elected library board of trustees chosen by and directly accountable to residents of the community?"

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Strategic Goals include *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Action at the discretion of the Village Council.

BACKGROUND

Commissioner Davenport submitted the following request for consideration by the Village Council as New Business:

"Please add a new business item to our November 12, 2024 Village Council meeting to discuss the topic of placing an advisory referendum question concerning the library on the ballot for the April 1, 2025 consolidated election.

My proposed language for the question is:

"Shall the Downers Grove Public Library become an independent unit of government, with its own levy and a separately elected library board of trustees chosen by and directly accountable to residents of the community?"

Pursuant to Village Council policy, this topic shall be a discussion item only to allow the Village Council to direct staff to prepare an action for consideration at a later date. If the Village directs staff to undertake this new business item, staff will prepare a draft resolution initiating the submission of a public question to solicit resident input regarding the Downers Grove Public Library for Council review and consideration at an upcoming meeting. The last day for the Village to adopt a resolution authorizing the placement of an advisory referendum on the April 1, 2025 ballot is Monday, December 9, 2024.

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COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Village Attorney DATE: November 12, 2024
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: _____ FILE REF: _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to direct staff to place a draft resolution initiating the submission of a public question regarding the Downers Grove Public Library on the November 19th Village Council Agenda.



SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of this motion shall direct staff to place a draft resolution initiating the submission of a public question regarding the Downers Grove Public Library on the November 19th Village Council Agenda.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:
