

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting

SUBJECT:	12/3/2024	SUBMITTED BY:
Library Referendum		Enza Petrarca Village Attorney

SYNOPSIS

A resolution directing staff to place an advisory referendum question on the April 1, 2025 ballot has been prepared.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Strategic Goals include *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Action at the discretion of the Village Council.

BACKGROUND

At the November 19, 2024 Village Council meeting, 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?"

This item was discussed at the November 19, 2024 Village Council meeting and the Village Council voted 4- 3 to direct staff place a resolution for Village Council consideration on the December 3, 2024 Village Council Agenda. At the direction of Commissioner Davenport the proposed referendum question has been revised as follows:

“Shall the trustees of the Downers Grove Public Library be elected, rather than appointed?”

The last day for the Village Council to adopt a resolution authorizing the placement of an advisory referendum on the April 1, 2025 ballot is Monday, December 9, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Village Attorney DATE: December 3, 2024
(Name)

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

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to Adopt "A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION TO SOLICIT RESIDENT INPUT REGARDING THE DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY", as presented.



SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached resolution shall initiate the submission of a public question to solicit resident input regarding the Downers Grove Public Library.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:

RESOLUTION NO. _____**A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION
TO SOLICIT RESIDENT INPUT REGARDING
THE DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, Article 28 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/28) allows for the Village to submit advisory questions of public policy to be voted upon by the electors of the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to solicit input from the residents of Downers Grove with regard to the Downers Grove Public Library by way of an advisory referendum; and

WHEREAS, the answer to the referendum question set forth herein this resolution will help guide and provide direction to the Village Council as it considers future actions concerning the Downers Grove Public Library;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are by this reference incorporated into and made a part of this resolution as if fully set forth.

SECTION TWO: Advisory Public Question on regarding the Downers Grove Public Library. An advisory public question shall be submitted to the voters of the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, at the April 1, 2025 general election as follows:

<i>Shall the trustees of the Downers Grove Public Library be elected, rather than appointed?</i>	YES _____	NO _____
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SECTION THREE: Publication and Filing. The Clerk is hereby directed to file this authorizing resolution or other related matters with the appropriate election officials in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION FOUR: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

By: _____

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: _____

Village Clerk