

January 11, 1972

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council Members

FROM: John von Morse

SUBJECT: RHOA ELECTIONS

As you all know there will be some very important RHOA elections in April 1972. As usual, there will be many precedent setting decisions that have to be made which are incumbent upon one another.

How should terms be staggered both at the Board and Council level to insure continuity? Should the preference poll be more formally recognized as the means of electing members to the Board than the present method? How will the Bergoffen Report be construed as far as the April elections are concerned? Can we look forward to recommendations from the Elections Committee on how to proceed? These and other questions deserve our serious and prompt attention.

I would like to recommend that we first consider the Bergoffen Report and resolve its implications; second that we review input from the Elections Committee; and third that we then consider any modification to the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation only at that time.

It should also be noted at this time that two very important points are already in the official minutes of the Board of Directors:

1. That the Community members of the Board of Directors are chosen by a preference poll of the membership and that the majority of the Board will honor that preference poll.
2. That the President of the Board of Directors shall also serve as the Chairman of the Town Council.

On this second point I would like to add that based on experience this has made both jobs easier and has provided a sense of continuity and direction for the management affairs of the Reston community.

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With these points in mind I would welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

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