

Motions

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Moved by Councillor Henderson and seconded by Councillor Scordis.

Amend the motion to read:

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Moved by Councillor Mackrory and seconded by Councillor Wood:

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