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RESOLUTION #2021-101

April 26, 2021

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, COUNTY OF ESSEX OF NEW JERSEY ENDORSING FAIR ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the governing body recognizes the importance of the public having faith a fair and equal election to choose their representatives; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is the only state in the nation that organizes its primary election ballots by bracketing groupings of candidates in a column (or row), rather than by listing the office sought followed immediately by the names of all candidates running for that office; and

WHEREAS, a candidate's share of a particular vote (especially within Primary Election races) may be greatly influenced by that candidates location, bracketing or line on a ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, does hereby endorse the elimination of rows, lines and columns due to bracketing to encourage fair and equal consideration of all candidates by the voters.

Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Clarke		X	X			
Coallier			X			
Hartshorn Hilton			X			
Jones			X			
Schnall	X		X			
Zuckerman						X

CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting held on Monday, April 26, 2021.


 Ojetti E. Davis
 Acting Village Clerk