

Last night (Tuesday), the Little Rock Board of Directors rejected an ordinance which would have allowed city voters to weigh in on eliminating the position of at-large directors from the board. The ordinance reflected a recommendation by the Little Rock Governance Study Group, created by the board in 2019, and chaired by Rick Campbell, who spoke in favor of the ordinance during the board meeting.

News20 0:18 “...or two wards.”

Ward 6 Director, Doris Wright, was among those who voted against the ordinance, saying it would not help residents understand how city-level decisions are made.

News21 0:20 “...form of government.”

At-large city directors are voted into office by the entire city, not just residents within one particular ward’s boundaries. The board of directors also voted against an ordinance which would have increased the mayor’s power by giving that office the authority to hire and fire the city manager and city attorney.