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Testimony to the House Elections Committee

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Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opposition to HB 2452. The most important form of government is often the government closest to people: city and municipal government.

Maintaining an odd year cycle allows for an emphasis and attention on local elections. I regularly attend forums and candidate events to learn more about these elections. If these races moved to an even year, these elections would completely fall off the radar of most people. State and national elections would completely overshadow our local government elections.

Local government is focused on our city services, our schools, and daily life. As I have often heard, there isn't a partisan way to fill about hole. A move to even years will increase the role of partisan politics. If we know anything, we know that increased division and partisanship is already infused too often in our every day lives. We do not need to create more partisan hostility in our elections.

Our local elections are too important to diminish in a state and federal election cycle. Keep more politics out of our elections and do not pass HB 2452.

Respectfully,

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