

VOTING UPDATE

(revised 5/25/22)

Ballots to vote on Skillman joining The Hills are being mailed out to all members now. Here's a brief update on voting information from Elizabeth Alvarez, our voting and elections expert from Guest & Gray law firm.

1. **There are two ways to cast your ballot:**
 - a. the mail-in ballot you will soon receive, which must be returned to and received by Guest & Gray on or before Friday June 10th, 2022; or
 - b. in-person voting at Skillman after worship services on June 12th, 2022.
2. **All ballots will be independently counted together** by Elizabeth and various other attorneys and staff of Guest & Gray on site at Skillman on June 12th, 2022, just following the in-person vote, together with the mail-in ballots. The results will be known the same day.
3. **The packet you will receive in the mail contains** one large envelope, which is addressed to you from Guest & Gray. Each voter gets their own packet, even if there are two people in the household (or more) which are voting. Each packet contains the following documents:
 - a. a set of instructions;
 - b. a ballot;
 - c. a small envelope labeled "Secrecy Envelope"; and
 - d. another large envelope pre-addressed to Guest & Gray, with a pre-addressed label showing it to be from the voter.
4. **Guest & Gray is tracking each ballot** as it goes out, and each ballot as it comes in. They will attempt to notify you when they receive your ballot. All received ballots will be catalogued and stored, pending check-in on June 12th for the in-person vote. The ballot envelopes will not be opened until June 12th. And of course, you don't have to complete the mail-in ballot, and can wait until June 12 to vote.
5. **The Skillman Elders encourage you to not abstain from voting.** The mail-in ballot only provides a Yes or No option. But if desired, you can formally abstain by not returning the ballot or by doing so at the in-person voting on June 12th. If you wish to abstain from voting and NOT have your blank ballot counted as a No vote, then do not return it. Sending back a blank ballot will count as a No vote and impact the outcome.
6. **Voting is entirely secret and your personal choice.** It is important to remember that your ballot is a secret ballot, and the process is designed so that if directions are followed, your vote will be a secret even from Guest & Gray. This way you should all feel comfortable to vote the way you want, knowing that your vote is your own.

More details on the process for June 12th will be provided soon. Thank you.