2009 Process Summarized

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- **General:**
  - Have an elector system, each neighborhood selects one elector and one alternate elector. Neighborhood organizations with multiple neighborhoods get the corresponding number of electors and votes. It is up to each neighborhood to decide who and how to select their elector/alternate.
  - Follow the NRP Policy Board election process for candidate questions, profile and guidelines (i.e. can't raise funds for campaign, etc.).

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  - A Voting Guide, with information on all NCEC candidates will be available on the NCR website following closing of candidate application. Guidelines for discussion and voting will be included in the Voting Guide on the city website and distributed to electors/alternates prior to the meeting.
  - The point of contact for communicating this process shall be the neighborhood reps elected for the process, the staff and the board chairs.

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- **Candidates:**
  - All candidates must live in the district they intend to represent.
  - Neighborhood staff can run for NCEC.

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- **Candidate Applications:**
  - NCR Department will collect applications for the NCEC, post candidate profiles online and send out a hard copy to each neighborhood organization after the filing period has closed.

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- **Election Process:**
  - Hold a citywide meeting for the election process and meet the candidates. That meeting will be moderated and facilitated by members of the Minneapolis League of Women Voters.
  - At the City-wide meeting, each district will hold their individual district election in designated election areas.

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  - One neighborhood, one vote.
  - All registered elector/alternate electors eligible for voting will be seated in their district's designated election area.
  - District facilitators will open and close the district election.
  - The floor will be closed once elections begin allowing only electors/alternates to be in the caucus area. The floor can be reopened for further discussion if another vote is required.
  - Endorsements or testimonials are not allowed.
  - Nominations from the floor or write-in nominations are not allowed.

- Absentee ballots are not allowed.
- There will be separate elections for NCEC representative and alternate.
- Use paper ballots that must be signed by the electors so all election results can be documented, recorded and verified.
- The winners will be determined by majority vote.
- Neighborhood representatives attending the April 16, 2011 meeting request that the City Council require governing bodies to change laws and bylaws to allow for alternates.

- **Voting Results:**
  - The candidate must receive at least 50% of the votes in order to be verified by the facilitator as the winner.
  - If no candidate receives at least 50% of the votes, no winner will be declared and another round of voting will take place.
  - In any additional round of voting, the top three candidates with the most votes in the last voting round will move forward and have their name placed on the ballot for the next round of voting.
  - Voting will occur until a winner is declared and verified with at least 50% of the votes.
  - There is no limit to the number of voting rounds a district may have.
  - Once a winner has been verified and declared, the facilitator will post the name of the candidate on the NCEC Neighborhood Representative poster.

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