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Subject: [External] Tell NENA to Ratify the Board Election

Good morning,

I hope this email finds you in good health. My name is [REDACTED] and I'm helping out a group of residents in Boise's North End who have been made aware that the North End Neighborhood Association's (NENA) board is attempting to delegitimize the recent board election. The Idaho Press [covered the initial election](#) at the end of October. As educators and administrators who work in schools in the North End, you are **members of the association** and have a **vested interest** in the outcome of this election.

Here's a quick overview:

- On October 27, over 120 North End residents participated virtually in NENA's quarterly board meeting. On the agenda was the election of six board seats. Per NENA bylaws, six seats on the 11-person board were available for election with **three seats sitting vacant**.
- The election was held, and the residents voted to replace five of those six seats.
- At this time, the sitting board members are refusing to accept the results of the election and are fighting to remain in their seats, indicating they do not intend to ratify the new board at the 11/24 meeting.
- The Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act requires that for an election to be overturned it must be based on the validity of the votes. The votes have been legitimized and yet, NENA, still plans not to ratify the new board on 11/24

The election process was fair and transparent, and the meeting garnered more participation than any board election in years past. However, the current board of North End Neighborhood Association has indicated through their website and other petitioning measures **they are not likely to ratify the results of the election and have refused to communicate with newly elected board members**.

Democracy is foundational to our societal values. These values transcend national, state and even local politics. Much of these principals are built in our neighborhoods—bringing everyone to the table, offering the opportunity for disagreement and dialogue and, importantly, the opportunity to vote for our representation. We know that as **educators**, these values are important to you and are a part of the lessons you teach every day.

We are asking educators in the North End who want to see NENA respect the democratic process and the election outcome to:

1. Participate in the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, November 24 at 7 p.m. (The Zoom link will be posted on [NENA's website](#) the day of the meeting)
2. Share messaging on social

If you'd like to be a part of it, please email me as soon as you can, and **we can provide you with the information** you need. If you know of anyone else who you think might be interested, please let me know and we can get in touch with them.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Cheers,

