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Please find my submissio to the Commission

To the Secretary Electoral Commission

My name is Seamie Moore, aged 85 and I have been an elected representative for Naas Town and Kildare County Council since 1994 as an Independent (Community) Representative. I consider myself a Centrist Politician.

Over the years I have been a successful candidate in about ten Town & County elections. It is a great honour to be elected by your fellow citizens to represent them for a five year term. The unspoken word of 'Worthiness' becomes symbolically related to the election result.

It is important to remember that many candidates receive 'worthiness' results with great voting support but because of the limitation on the number of candidates to be elected, they fail to be honoured with selection.

Some only miss out on the selection by a few votes. The fact that they don't get into the successful selection does not take from the recognition of 'worthiness'.

It is my contention that the last candidate to be eliminated at the Local Election count, should be the first substitute if a successful candidate decides to retire or is promoted to an ineligible category. That unsuccessful candidate had indicated 'availability' and interest, invested finance in an election campaign and had already obtained proven voting support from the electorate by being a candidate in the first instance.

The present system of allowing political parties and non-parties to nominate their own replacement in accordance with some political ideology or political policies is unfair and outdated. This allows 'party influence' to avoid 'democratic decision making' and to retain a 'status quo' that benefits them. It does not represent the continuity of the proportional representation system that the 'next in line' person should receive the benefit of the elimination and transfer system. It allows people to avoid the 'election' system thus promoting a 'scam' that continues to be perpetuated by traditional political parties.

I ask you to reconsider this anomaly and have the Local Government Representation legislation system changed to facilitate the 'filling of vacancies that occur through the term of representation, by firstly selecting the last available candidate to be eliminated in the previous Local Government Election'.

Yours sincerely,

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