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SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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WARDS 1-5

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NH CHARTER AMENDMENTS

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Question 1: Shall the City Charter be amended as follows:

ARTICLE I - Section 1.4 Ward Boundaries

1.4 CHANGES TO WARD BOUNDARIES. Every ten years, in conjunction with the federal census, a review of the ward boundary lines shall be conducted for the purpose of adjusting such boundary lines to ensure equalization of population within the wards. **At such time, the Mayor will appoint a Ward Boundaries Review Committee comprised of no more than four (4) City Councilors.** ~~At the election immediately preceding a scheduled federal census, a Ward Boundaries Review Committee shall be elected consisting of one eligible person from each ward. The City Clerk shall serve as chair of the review committee but will not have a vote.~~ The Committee shall review the boundaries of each ward to determine if adjustments are necessary to ensure equal distribution of population within each ward. If adjustments are necessary the Committee shall propose such adjustments to the ward boundaries as will provide as nearly as possible an equal number of citizens within each ward. In doing so the Committee shall take into consideration the character and makeup of the wards **as well as the most recent federal census,** and to the extent possible try to maintain the integrity of each ward as a "city within a city". The Committee shall submit its recommendations to the City Council for review and approval. Upon approval by the City Council the changes shall be submitted to the voters for approval by referendum at the next election.

YES ○
NO ○