



A New Governance Structure for London?

- **Background:**

In the November 2003 Municipal Election, London voters passed two referenda asking council to change the city's governance structure. While the ballot measures were not binding, the voters expressed a clear choice to eliminate the Board of Control (55% said YES) and to reduce the size of council (76% said YES).

- **Council's Response:**

The issue finally came to council in May 2005, fully half-way into the term. At a recent meeting, Council voted to ignore the referendum results not making any changes to the city's governance structure. This will go to full council for approval in June."

- **What Changes are Needed?**

We want the council to respect the will of the voters and take action now. By eliminating the antiquated Board of Control and creating 14 new single member wards, Council has the opportunity to provide Londoners with more effective representation.

Neighborhood based wards that recognize "communities of interest" should increase voter participation in city council elections, reduce the cost of running campaigns, and permit councilors to focus constituent services in smaller areas.

- **Why a Petition now?**

Since Council seems headed for re-adopting the same system that voters have rejected, this petition is being circulated to help convince Councillors of the need for change.

You must be an 'elector' in the City of London to sign the petition.