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**New Business Item #:** 7

**Title:** New Local Association in Lincoln Park

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**Representing MEA Local/Region:** Region 2

**Text of proposal:**

The MEA RA directs MEA officers to refile the petition with MERC and allow the current AFSCME local members to decide who they wish to be represented by.

**Rationale:**

There is an AFSCME goup in Lincoln Park who wishes to become part of the MEA. The members have done everything which is needed to be done to take a vote with their members. The 2-B Coordinating Council and the Lincoln Park Education Association (EA) are in favor of having this group join the MEA.

It is of paramount importance to increase our membership in our locals, regions, and state. Districts that have all units under a MEA contract is extremely beneficial for members. It fosters unity and strengthens our collective efforts across the board. This is a valuable opportunity to grow and stregthen our organization.

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