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Request to Accept Outside Monies (e.g., Grants)

Enabling STOC to accept outside funding—such as federal or state grants, retail matches, or partner contributions—would allow the Committee to support **targeted projects that directly benefit the South Texas onion industry**. In the past, the inability to formalize and receive such funds has limited STOC's capacity to execute research, education, and outreach initiatives tailored to industry needs. With appropriate transparency and reporting, accepting outside monies would **extend assessment dollars** and facilitate **project-specific impact** without compromising oversight.

Request to Change Continuation Referendums to 51% Approval (from 68%)

Adopting a **simple majority (51%)** for continuation referendums would align with common governance practice and address practical participation challenges. The Committee has at times faced difficulty achieving quorum, which in turn makes it **unduly burdensome to move essential items** under a supermajority threshold. A 51% standard would **preserve accountability** while improving continuity and administrative efficiency for the industry.
