



City and County of San Francisco
Department of Elections

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Meeting Notice

Ballot Simplification Committee for the November 8, 2016, Consolidated General Election

Agenda for August 8–12, 2016

The Ballot Simplification Committee prepares a fair and impartial summary of each local ballot measure in simple language. These summaries, or "digests," which are prepared at public meetings, are printed in San Francisco's Voter Information Pamphlet, which is mailed to every registered voter before the election. The Committee must complete its digests no later than 85 days before the election. In general, the digests are limited to 300 words.

Due to scheduling constraints, the Committee may consider one or more measures before the final deadline for submitting or withdrawing those measures. If a measure has not yet been submitted to the Department of Elections at the time the agenda is published, it is designated on the agenda as "pending submission." If a measure is withdrawn before the Committee meets to consider that measure, the measure will be taken off the Committee's agenda.

If time constraints prevent the Committee from fully considering any of the items listed for a meeting, that meeting will be continued to a date and time announced at the end of the meeting.

For more information about the Ballot Simplification Committee, visit sfelections.org/bsc or the Department of Elections office in City Hall, Room 48.

Agenda information:

- The discussion order of items on each day's agenda is subject to change at the Committee's discretion.
- All ballot measure titles that appear on the agenda are for identification purposes only and may differ from the actual or proposed title for each measure.
- There will be an opportunity for public comment on each agenda item.
- If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed to the Ballot Simplification Committee, those materials will be posted at sfelections.org/bsc and available for public inspection at the Department of Elections in City Hall, Room 48, during normal office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Materials for the Committee members' reference may be submitted to the Department of Elections at publications@sfgov.org before the close of business on the day prior to the meeting. Materials that are not sent prior to the meeting may be delivered to the Committee clerk at the meeting; please bring at least 15 copies.
- If an item is continued to a subsequent meeting, a notice of continuance will be posted at sfelections.org/bsc and on the bulletin boards outside the meeting room and the Department of Elections.

Location: Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place. Please refer to individual meeting dates for exact locations. Meeting rooms are subject to change. If a room change is necessary, a notice will be posted outside the original meeting room. Information will also be available at the Department of Elections, City Hall, Room 48, or via telephone at 415-554-4375.

Time: All meetings begin at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Monday, August 8 Room 408

1. Charter amendment: Housing and Development Commission
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
2. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"
3. Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet

Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee

Continuance or Adjournment

Tuesday, August 9 Room 408

1. Charter amendment: Public Advocate
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
2. Charter amendment: Police Oversight
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
3. Ordinance: General Sales Tax (*pending submission*)
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
4. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"
5. Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet

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Continuance or Adjournment

Wednesday, August 10 Room 263

1. Ordinance: Allocation of Hotel Tax Funds
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
2. Ordinance: Requirements for Changing the Use of Certain Properties (*pending submission*)
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
3. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"
4. Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet

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Thursday, August 11 Room 263

1. Charter amendment: Responsibility for the Maintenance of Street Trees
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
2. Ordinance: Prohibiting Elected Officials from Controlling General Purpose Committees
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
3. Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration of digests approved Friday, August 5, and Monday—Wednesday*, August 8—10

**Municipal Elections Code section 610(c) requires the Committee to provide a 24-hour period to receive and act on written requests for reconsideration of a digest. Given this rule, the Committee may not be able to hear on Thursday some or all requests for reconsideration from digests completed on Wednesday; in this case, any remaining requests for reconsideration would be heard on Friday.*

4. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"
5. Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet

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Continuance or Adjournment

Friday, August 12 Room 408 NOTE: Meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

1. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"
2. Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration of digests approved Thursday, August 11
3. Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet

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Access for people with disabilities: Meetings of the Ballot Simplification Committee may be held in several rooms in or near San Francisco's City Hall, at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place. The meeting rooms are wheelchair accessible.

The nearest accessible BART station is Civic Center (Market/Grove/Hyde Streets). Accessible MUNI Metro lines are the F, J, K, L, M, N, T (exit at Civic Center or Van Ness Stations). MUNI bus lines serving the area are the 5, 6, 9, 19, 21, 47, 49, 71, and 71L. For more information about MUNI accessible services, call (415) 701-4485.

There is accessible parking in the vicinity of City Hall at Civic Center Plaza and adjacent to Davies Hall and the War Memorial Complex. Accessible curbside parking is available on Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place and Grove Street.

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Language interpreters: Requests must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to help ensure availability. Contact the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375.

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通知: 如果需要翻譯服務，請致電選務處(415)554-4367，最好在48小時之前預約有助確保服務的安排。

Paunawa: Ang mga kahilingan ay kailangang matanggap sa loob ng 48 oras bago mag miting upang matiyak na matutugunan ang mga hiling. Mangyaring tumawag ka sa (415) 554-4310.

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Know your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance: Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decision in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact the Administrator by mail at Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco. CA 94102, by phone at (415) 554-7724, by fax at (415) 554-7854 or by email at sotf@sfgov.org. Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code from the Internet, at www.sfgov.org/sunshine.

Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements: Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign & Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; website www.sfgov.org/ethics.