



Meeting Notice

Ballot Simplification Committee for the June 8, 2010 Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election

Agenda for the Week of March 8-12, 2010

The Ballot Simplification Committee works in public meetings to prepare a fair and impartial summary of each local ballot measure in simple language. These summaries, or "digests," 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, which is Monday, March 15. 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 If a measure is withdrawn before the Committee meets to consider that measure, the measure will be taken off the Committee's agenda.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, please visit www.sfelections.org/bsc or the Department of Elections office in City Hall, Room 48.

Location: Meetings will be held in City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place. Please refer to individual meeting dates for exact locations.

Time: All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Please note that the discussion order of items on each day's agenda is subject to change at the Committee's discretion.

Monday, March 8, 2010 *no meeting scheduled*

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 *no meeting scheduled*

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 **City Hall, Room 408*** **9:00 a.m.**

1. Declaration of Policy: Transbay Transit Center** – continued from Wednesday, March 3 (Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest)
2. Charter Amendment: Retirement Benefit Costs** (Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest)

3. Ordinance: Budget Line Item for Police Department Security for City Officials and Dignitaries** (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

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

Continuance or Adjournment***

Thursday, March 11, 2010 City Hall, Room 263* 9:00 a.m.

1. School District Measure: School Facilities Special Tax** – pending submission (Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest)
2. Discussion and possible action concerning any Requests for Reconsideration of digests approved through Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Requests for Reconsideration will be placed in the public file of the Department of Elections and posted on the Department of Elections website as soon as possible after receipt.
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Friday, March 12, 2010 City Hall, Room 408* 10:00 a.m. (note later start time)

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* 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.

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*** If an item is continued to a subsequent meeting, a notice of continuance will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the meeting room and the Department of Elections.

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sotf@sfgov.org Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at www.sfgov.org/sunshine

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