

Elections-Related Charter Clean-up

**Rules & Economic Development
Committee**

July 10, 2013

Summary of Issues

- **Term of Office/Inauguration Date**
 - **First Monday after the First of December**
 - **ROV Canvass – Up to 28 Days by Law**
 - **Pending Senate Bill to Further Lengthen**

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- **Special Election to Fill a Vacancy**
 - **Special Run-off within 49 Days of Special Primary**
 - **ROV Canvass – Up to 28 days by Law**
 - **Early Voting – 29 Days in Advance**
 - **Overseas Voter Empowerment Act**

Term of Office/Inauguration Date Alternatives

- **“Date Certain” in Mid-December**
 - **Factors to Consider:**
 - Certification of Results
 - Quorum/Event Planning
 - December Holidays
 - Internal/External Appointments

Term of Office/Inauguration Date Alternatives

- **Hold the Inauguration within 10 Days of Receiving Registrar of Voters Certification.**
 - **Factors to Consider:**
 - Certification of Results
 - Event Planning Challenges
 - Internal/External Appointments

Term of Office/Inauguration Date Alternatives

- Inauguration at First Regular City Council Meeting in Chambers at which Election Certification could be Approved (likely early to mid-December)
 - **Factors to Consider:**
 - Ceremonial Nature of Current Event
 - Simplifies Docketing Concerns
 - Internal/External Appointments
 - Mayoral Transition/State of the City
 - Quorum Issues

Term of Office/Inauguration Date Alternatives

- **Two-step process: Informal Swearing-in When Results are Certified, Formal Inauguration Ceremony in January.**
 - **Factors to Consider:**
 - Internal/External Appointments
 - Resolves December Conflicts
 - Mayoral Transition/State of the City

Term of Office/Inauguration Date Alternatives

- **Informal Swearing-in at Regular Council Meeting at which Certification is Presented; Combine the Ceremonial Inauguration Event with the Mayor's State of the City**
 - **Factors to Consider:**
 - Certification of Results
 - Internal/External Appointments
 - Potential Efficiencies
 - Mayoral Input Required

Special Election to Fill a Vacancy Alternatives

- **Temporarily Fill Any Vacancy by Appointment of the Council; Permanent Fill at Next Regular City Election**
 - **Factors to Consider:**
 - Immediate Representation
 - Two Years Maximum Appointment
 - Election Savings

Special Election to Fill a Vacancy

Alternatives

- **Revise Charter to be Consistent with California Elections Code on the Issue of Special Election Timing**
 - **Factors to Consider:**
 - Future Updates to Charter Unnecessary
 - Municipal Code Updates Necessary
 - Potential Increased Timeline

Special Election to Fill a Vacancy

Alternatives

- Increase the 49-day requirement to 90 days (or 120 days or no more than 180 days)
 - Factors to Consider:
 - Possible Temporary Solution
 - Potential Increased Timeline

Conclusion

- **No Elegant Solution**
- **Ultimate Goal: Ballot Measure(s) for the June 2014 Election**
 - **Direction from this body:**
 - Provide Feedback, Clerk & Attorney Return in September or October for Additional Finesse
 - OR:
 - Provide Feedback, Clerk & Attorney Return in January as Part of CP 000-21 Process