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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
November 18, 2026
6:00 – 9:00 PM
City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102
& Remote via WebEx

The meeting will be held both in person at the location listed above and remotely via WebEx. WebEx details are provided on the following page.

Members of the public may attend the meeting to observe and provide public comment either at the physical meeting location listed above or remotely / online. Instructions for providing public comment remotely appear on the last page of this agenda.

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Order of Business

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
   The San Francisco Elections Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

2. **General Public Comment**
   Public comment on any issue within the Elections Commission's general jurisdiction that is not covered by another item on this agenda.

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
   Discussion and possible action on the September 21, 2026 Elections Commission meeting minutes.

4. **Director's Reports and Communications**
   Discussion and Possible Action regarding the October and November 2026 Director's Report.
   - Updates on election preparation and related details
   - Updates on operations and administrative functions
   - Department's outreach to voters

5. **Potential Bylaws Amendment**
   Discussion related to a possible future bylaws amendment regarding remote public participation and comment.

6. **Prospective Closed Session**

   a. Public comment on all matters pertaining to this agenda item.

   b. Vote on whether to meet in Closed Session to discuss the matter described below in (c). (Action)

   c. CLOSED SESSION
   PERSONNEL EXCEPTION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code 67.10(b), the Elections Commission will meet in closed session to evaluate the work performance of the Director of the Department of Elections. (Discussion and Action)

   [RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION]

   d. Vote on whether to disclose any or all closed session discussions held in closed session, per San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.12(a). (Discussion and Action)

7. **Commissioners' Reports**
   Commission reports will be limited to a brief description of activities from each Commissioner. Commission discussion will be limited to determining whether to calendar any of the issues raised for a future Commission meeting.
   - Commission President's Report
   - Commissioners' Reports
   - Commission announcements and scheduling of items identified for consideration at future Commission meetings (Action)

8. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings and Commissioner Announcements**
   Discussion and possible action regarding items for future agendas.

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The meeting room is wheelchair accessible.
Wheelchair-accessible entrances are located on Van Ness Avenue and Grove Street. Please note the wheelchair lift at the Goodlett Place/Polk Street is temporarily not available. **After multiple repairs that were followed by additional breakdowns, the wheelchair lift at the Goodlett/Polk entrance is being replaced for improved operation and reliability. We anticipate having a functioning lift after the completion of construction in May 2025. There are elevators and accessible restrooms located on every floor.**
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Website: http://sfgov.org/sunshine. Copies of the Sunshine Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, at the San Francisco Public Library, and on the City's website at http://sfgov.org.

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When calling in by telephone (preferred):

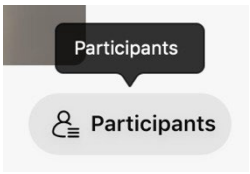
When your item of interest comes up, dial *3 (star button followed by the number 3) on your phone to raise your hand and be added to the public comment line. You will then hear, "You have raised your hand to ask a question." Please wait until the host calls on you.

The line will be silent as you wait your turn to speak. Ensure you are in a quiet location. Before you speak, mute the sound of any equipment around you, including television, radio, or computer. It is especially important that you mute your computer if you are watching via the web link to prevent feedback and echo when you speak.

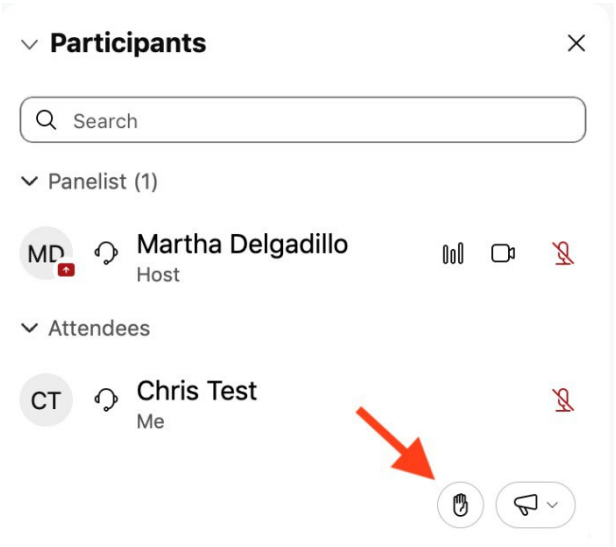
If you change your mind and wish to withdraw yourself from the public comment line, press *3 again. You will hear the system say, "You have lowered your hand."

Using your computer web browser (when phone not available)

Make sure the "Participants" side panel is showing by clicking the "Participants" button shown in the picture at the right.



Then, make sure the "Participants" panel is expanded in the side panel by pressing the small arrow indicator in the panel. You should see a list of Panelists, followed by a list of Attendees. At the bottom of the list of Attendees is a small button or icon that looks like a hand (see where the red arrow is pointing in the picture at the right).



Press the hand icon to raise your hand. The host will unmute you when it is time for you to comment. When you are done with your comment, click the hand icon again to lower your hand.