

A photograph of the San Francisco City Hall dome, a large, ornate, light-colored stone structure with a prominent central dome and a tall, slender spire topped with a golden finial. The building is set against a clear blue sky. A dark teal rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title text in white.

Ethics Commission Ballot Access

Commission Streamlining Task Force

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Ethics Commission

Draft Process for Placing Measures on the Ballot

1. Ethics Commission holds a hearing and votes to submit a ballot measure to the Board of Supervisors by a 4/5 vote
 - a. Deadline: 168 days before election day (about May 15-20 for a November election)
2. The Board must provide notice to impacted departments at least 10 days before holding a hearing on the proposed measure
3. If 6 members of the Board vote to approve the measure, or if the Board does not act within 45 days, the measure will appear on the ballot
4. If 6 members of the Board vote to amend the measure within 45 days, the Ethics Commission may vote (by 4/5?) to place the measure on the ballot with the Board's amendments or to withdraw the measure
 - a. If the Commission does not act, the measure will appear on the ballot as amended by the Board
 - b. Deadline: 95 days before election day (about July 25-30 for a November election)
5. The Board may not vote to reject the measure; it can only vote to approve or amend



Alternative Proposal from Ethics Commission

1. Ethics Commission holds a hearing and votes to submit a ballot measure to the Board of Supervisors by a 4/5 vote
 - a. Deadline: 275 days before election day (about Jan. 31 to Feb. 5 for a November election)
2. The Ethics Commission must provide notice to the Clerk of the Board and all impacted departments at least 30 days before holding a hearing on the proposed measure
 - a. For rules impacting City officials and departments (ethics rules), conduct 2 separate Interested Persons Meetings for City departments
3. If 6 members of the Board vote to approve the measure, or if the Board does not act within 90 days, the measure will appear on the ballot
4. If 6 members of the Board vote to amend the measure within 90 days, the Ethics Commission may vote (by 3/5 vote) to adopt the Board's amendments or withdraw the measure; or the Commission may place the measure on the ballot with additional amendments (by either a 4/5 or unanimous vote)
 - a. If the Commission does not act, the measure will appear on the ballot as amended by the Board
 - b. Deadline: 95 days before election day (about July 25-30 for a November election)
5. The Board may not vote to reject the measure; it can only vote to approve or amend

