



## June 2, 2026, Election: Observable Activities Calendar

This calendar of observable activities is subject to change. To confirm the schedule or obtain the most up-to-date information about a specific activity, members of the public are encouraged to contact the Department of Elections at (415) 558-6100.

For activities that will be live streamed, the live stream will begin at the date and time indicated for the start of the activity.

All activities available via live stream may also be observed in person.

The Department conducts its operations in an open and transparent manner and welcomes members of the public to observe election processes and share feedback.

For additional information on how to observe election activities, including guidelines and expectations for observers, members of the public are encouraged to review the *Guide to Observing Election Processes*.

### Before Election Day

#### 1. Logic and Accuracy Testing - Live Stream

During Logic and Accuracy (L&A) testing, Department staff verify that voting equipment and related media devices are functioning properly and accurately tabulate test ballots before they are deployed for use in the election.

##### A. Testing of scanners and other media devices

Staff test high-speed ballot scanners using pre-marked test ballots to confirm accurate ballot interpretation and tabulation.

*April 27 – until complete; City Hall, Room 48, computer room*

##### B. Testing of accessible ballot-marking devices

Staff test accessible ballot-marking devices that allow voters to independently mark their ballots using touch-screen and assistive features.

*April 20 – April 27, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Warehouse, Pier 31*

##### C. Testing of ballot-scanning machines

Staff test precinct ballot scanners that voters will use at polling places to ensure ballots are correctly read and recorded.

*April 27 – May 5, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Warehouse, Pier 31*

#### 2. Poll Worker and Field Support Personnel Training

The Department conducts training sessions for poll workers and field support staff covering voting procedures, equipment setup and operation, and voter assistance procedures.

### 3. Voting Center

Beginning 29 days before Election Day, any voter may register and vote in person, use accessible equipment, or drop off a completed vote-by-mail ballot at the Voting Center.

*May 4 – June 2, City Hall, in front of Room 48*

- *Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., except May 25 holiday.*
- *May 23–24 and May 30–31 (Saturday – Sunday), 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

### 4. Vote-by-Mail Ballot Processing - [Live Stream](#)

Department staff process returned vote-by-mail ballots in several stages to prepare them for tabulation.

#### A. Ballot envelope sorting and signature verification scanning

Staff sort returned ballot envelopes and scan voter signatures to facilitate the signature verification process.

*May 4 – until complete; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; City Hall, Room 59*

#### B. Ballot remake

If a ballot cannot be scanned due to damage or markings that interfere with tabulation, staff duplicate the voter's selections onto a new ballot following established procedures.

*May 5 – until complete; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; City Hall, Room 58 and Room 48*

#### C. Ballot extraction

After signature verification, staff remove ballots from their envelopes while maintaining ballot secrecy.

*May 5 – until complete; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 59 hallway*

#### D. Ballot scanning

Staff scan ballots using high-speed central scanners to record voter selections for tabulation.

*May 5 – until complete; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; City Hall, Room 48, computer room*

#### E. Ballot adjudication

Staff review ballots flagged by the voting system for issues such as unclear marks and determine voter intent according to established guidelines.

*May 23 – until complete; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; City Hall, Room 48*

### 5. Election Center (Operational Exercise)

Staff conduct an internal exercise to practice logging and resolving voter inquiries and poll worker operational questions in a simulated environment similar to Election Day.

*May 30, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; City Hall, Room 48*

## On Election Day

### 1. Voting Center / Polling Places

The City Hall Voting Center and 501 polling places are open to voters who wish to register and vote in person, use accessible voting equipment, receive language or personal assistance, or return their vote-by-mail ballots. Language and accessibility assistance is available at every polling place. Electioneering and voter interference are prohibited. 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; to find a polling place, visit [sfelections.gov/MyVotingLocation](https://sfelections.gov/MyVotingLocation).

## 2. Processing Center - [Live Stream](#)

Department staff receive voted ballots, rosters of voters, and other election materials transported from polling places by Deputy Sheriffs after the close of polls.

9:00 p.m. until all polling place materials have been received; Warehouse, Pier 31.

## 3. Data Collection Center - [Live Stream](#)

Staff receive and log memory cards containing vote data from polling place ballot-scanning equipment.

8:00 p.m. until all polling place memory cards have been received; City Hall, Room 68.

## 4. Election Night Results Reporting

Preliminary election results are made available to the public through multiple channels.

- Online: [sfelections.gov/results](https://sfelections.gov/results)
- In person: Department of Elections, City Hall, Room 48 and the North Light Court
- Broadcast: San Francisco Government Television (SFGTV), Channel 26

Preliminary results will be released at approximately 8:45 p.m., with updated results posted throughout Election Night and during the official canvass period. For the complete reporting schedule, visit [sfelections.gov/results](https://sfelections.gov/results).

## After Election Day (Official Canvass Period)

### 1. Ballot Processing and Tabulation - [Live Stream](#)

Department staff continue processing and tabulating ballots after Election Day. This includes vote-by-mail ballots returned at polling places and official ballot drop boxes, ballots received by mail within seven days of Election Day, and ballots that voters timely remedied.

*Ballot processing typically occurs on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with hours extended as necessary depending on workload. Continues until all ballots have been counted (no later than the July 2 certification deadline); City Hall, Room 48*

### 2. Provisional Ballot Processing and Tabulation - [Live Stream](#)

Staff verify provisional ballot envelopes cast at polling places, then extract and prepare ballots for tabulation.

*Ballot processing typically occurs on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with hours extended as necessary depending on workload. Continues until all ballots have been counted (no later than the July 2 certification deadline); City Hall, North–South Hallway (McAllister Street side) and Room 48.*

### **3. Results Reporting**

The Director of the Department of Elections conducts press briefings on any day updated election results are released.

*Daily at approximately 4:00 p.m., in front of Room 48 at City Hall and online at [sfelections.gov/results](https://sfelections.gov/results). For the complete reporting schedule, visit [sfelections.gov/results](https://sfelections.gov/results).*

### **4. Canvass - [Live Stream](#)**

Department staff conduct the official canvass, an internal audit process to verify the accuracy and completeness of election results.

*June 4 – until complete, but no later than the July 2 certification deadline (excluding weekends and holidays); 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Warehouse, Pier 31.*

### **5. 1% Manual Tallies Random Selection - [Live Stream](#)**

Staff conduct a public random selection of precincts and ballot batches to be included in the manual tally.

*June 16, 9:00 a.m.; City Hall, Room 48.*

### **6. 1% Manual Tallies - [Live Stream](#)**

Staff manually count ballots from the selected precincts and batches to verify the accuracy of voting system tabulation.

*June 17, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Warehouse, Pier 31.*