



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

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Meeting Notice

**Ballot Simplification Council for the
November 3, 2026, Consolidated General Election**

Agenda for July 27 through July 31, 2026

The Ballot Simplification Council prepares a fair and impartial summary of each local ballot measure in simple language. These summaries, or “digests,” which are prepared at public meetings, are printed in San Francisco’s Voter Information Pamphlet, which is mailed to every registered voter before the election. The Council must complete its digests no later than 85 days before the election. In general, the digests are limited to 300 words.

Due to scheduling constraints, the Council 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 If a measure is withdrawn before the Council meets to consider that measure, the measure will be taken off the Council’s agenda.

If time constraints prevent the Council from fully considering any of the items listed for a meeting, that meeting will be continued to the date and time announced at the end of the meeting.

For more information about the Ballot Simplification Council, visit sfelections.gov/bsc or contact the Department of Elections office at (415) 558-6100.

Agenda information:

- The discussion order of items on each day’s agenda is subject to change at the Council’s discretion.
- All ballot measure titles that appear on the agenda are for identification purposes only and may differ from the actual or proposed title for each measure.
- There will be an opportunity for public comment on each agenda item. All public comment will be taken in person with remote access only being provided for those who require an ADA accommodation. To make a request, see *Access for people with disabilities* below.
- If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed to the Ballot Simplification Council, those materials will be posted at sfelections.gov/bsc and available by appointment for public inspection at the Department of Elections in City Hall, Room 48. Please contact the Department at (415) 558-6100 or SFvote@sfgov.org to schedule an appointment.
- Materials for the Council members’ reference may be submitted to the Department of Elections at BSC.clerk@sfgov.org before the close of business on the day prior to the meeting. Materials that are not sent prior to the meeting may be submitted to the Council clerk during the meeting by email at BSC.clerk@sfgov.org.
- If an item is continued to a subsequent meeting, a notice of continuance will be posted at sfelections.gov/bsc and on the bulletin boards outside the meeting room and the Department of Elections.

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Time: All meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Location: Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in person at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place. Please refer to individual meeting dates for exact locations. Meeting rooms are subject to change. If a room change is necessary, a notice will be posted outside the original meeting room. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meetings or participate by submitting public comment in writing by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting to BSC.clerk@sfgov.org.

Monday, July 27, 2026

Room 408

1. Charter amendment: Contributions to the Housing Fund
Discussion and possible action to adopt a ballot digest
2. Initiative Ordinance: Removal of Foreclosure Exemption for Real Property Transfer Tax
Discussion and possible action to adopt a ballot digest

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

Continuance or Adjournment

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Room 416

1. Charter amendment: Charter Changes Affecting Various City Departments and Commissions
Discussion and possible action to adopt a ballot digest
2. Initiative Ordinance: Changes to Real Property Transfer Tax
Discussion and possible action to adopt a ballot digest

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

Continuance or Adjournment

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Room 416

1. Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration of ballot digest(s) approved on Monday, July 27 through Tuesday, July 28.
2. Discussion and possible approval of "Words You Need to Know"

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

Continuance of Adjournment



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