

Date: October 16, 2023  
From: Commissioner Jerdonek

Dear Commissioners:

I'm still working on the 2022 Annual Report, but I wanted to provide my draft work-in-progress as evidence that I've started in earnest and that I'm making progress. If you have suggestions of things you'd like me to include in the final draft, feel free to let me know.

Thank you for your patience,

–Chris

SAN FRANCISCO ELECTIONS COMMISSION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT – **DRAFT / WORK-IN-PROGRESS**

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Christopher J. Jerdonek  
2022 President (starting July 20, 2022)

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## 1. Introduction

This is the 2022 Annual Report of the San Francisco Elections Commission, prepared in accordance with the Elections Commission's Bylaws.

Per the Bylaws, the annual report "shall cover the calendar year from January 1 through December 31" and shall be drafted by the President serving at the conclusion of the year. It shall contain "the President's report of the activities of the Commission during the previous year, as well as any other information the President deems significant and of likely assistance to subsequent Commissions" (see Appendix A for a copy of all sections of the Bylaws relating to the annual report).

Though I was the Commission President at the end of the year, I served as President for only the last five months. I was elected Vice President on June 15, became acting President on June 30, and was elected President at the July 20 meeting.

The year of this report marks the Commission's twentieth anniversary. The voters of San Francisco established the Elections Commission when they passed a Charter amendment called Proposition E during the November 6, 2001 Consolidated Municipal Election (see Charter Sec. 13.103.5.). The Commission assumed authority on January 1, 2002. Thus, the Commission has been overseeing elections in the City and County of San Francisco for over twenty years now.

## 2. Commission Membership & Executive Officers

The 2022 calendar year was marked by high turnover on the Commission, both in Commission membership and in its executive officer positions (which normally remain constant during the year). This was due to two resignations, one severe illness, and one member's term ending. The tables below provide more details.

The year began with five members and two vacancies. By July 1, the Commission had only four members, which is equal to quorum. During this time, then, all Commissioners had to be present at meetings to achieve quorum, and all votes had to be unanimous to pass. This lasted for over two months until Commissioner LiVolsi was sworn in.

July 1 was also a day where the cumulative experience of the Commission was at its lowest point. On July 1, only two Commissioners had been on the Commission for more than five months (Commissioner Bernholz for about four years and me for about eight years).

## 2.1. Commission Membership

### 2.1.1. Membership at Start of 2022

Name	Position	Started	Term End	Appointed By
Becca Chappell	President	1/15/2021	1/1/2026	Public Defender
Charles Jung	Vice President	11/1/2013	1/1/2023	Mayor
Lucy Bernholz		9/14/2018	1/1/2024	Treasurer
Christopher Jerdonek		4/1/2014	1/1/2024	Board of Supervisors
Viva Mogi		4/13/2017	1/1/2027	District Attorney
<i>Vacant</i>		1/1/2018	1/1/2023	Board of Education
<i>Vacant</i>		1/1/2020	1/1/2025	City Attorney

### 2.1.2. Membership Changes

Date	Description of change
February 10, 2022	Cynthia Dai was sworn in for a term ending 1/1/2025. She was appointed by City Attorney David Chiu.
March 1, 2022	Commissioner Mogi termed out. Her term ended 1/1/2022. She had been appointed by the District Attorney.
March 7, 2022	Robin Stone was sworn in for a term ending 1/1/2027. She was appointed by District Attorney Chesa Boudin.  <i>Note: Commissioner Stone was sworn in as Robin M. Shapiro. At the September 21, 2022 meeting, it was announced that Commissioner Shapiro's new last name is Stone. To avoid confusion, I will always use Commissioner Stone in this document.</i>
May 18, 2022	Commissioner Jung resigned. His term would have ended 1/1/2023. He had been appointed by the Mayor.
June 30, 2022	President Chappell resigned. Her term would have ended 1/1/2026. She had been appointed by the Public Defender.
September 12, 2022	Renita LiVolsi was sworn in for a term ending 1/1/2026. She was appointed by Public Defender Manohar Raju.
October 14, 2022	Nancy Hayden Crowley was sworn in for a term ending 1/1/2023. She was appointed by Mayor London Breed.

### 2.1.3. Membership at End of 2022

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Started</b>	<b>Term End</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>
Christopher Jerdonek	President	4/1/2014	1/1/2024	Board of Supervisors
Robin Stone	Vice President	3/7/2022	1/1/2027	District Attorney
Lucy Bernholz		9/14/2018	1/1/2024	Treasurer
Cynthia Dai		2/10/2022	1/1/2025	City Attorney
Nancy Hayden Crowley		10/14/2022	1/1/2023	Mayor
Renita LiVolsi		9/12/2022	1/1/2026	Public Defender
<i>Vacant</i>		1/1/2018	1/1/2023	Board of Education

### 2.2. Executive Officers

This section describes who the Commission's executive officers were in 2022.

Per the Commission's Bylaws, the election of Commission executive officers happens during a Commission meeting in January of each year. Terms are one year and begin at the conclusion of the meeting in which elections are held.

The table below lists the changes in the Commission's executive officer positions.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description of change</b>
January 19, 2022	At the January 19 meeting, the Commission elected Commissioner Bernholz President and Commissioner Chappell Vice President.
May 18, 2022	At the May 18 meeting, President Bernholz reported during the Commissioners' Reports agenda item that she had to resign as President because of health issues related to long COVID. This is also why she has had to attend meetings remotely. She also explained that there is a rule that meetings cannot be chaired by a President that is attending remotely.
June 15, 2022	At the June 15 meeting, the Commission elected Commissioner Chappell President and Commissioner Jerdonek Vice President.
June 30, 2022	President Chappell resigned from the Commission. Per the Commission's Bylaws, Vice President Commissioner Jerdonek assumed the President's duties.

July 20, 2022	At the July 20 meeting, the Commission elected Commissioner Jerdonek President and Commissioner Stone Vice President.
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The table below shows graphically who the executive officers were at any point in time during the year.

<b>Date</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
January 19, 2022 meeting	Bernholz	Jung
		Chappell
May 18 meeting		<i>Vacant</i>
June 15 meeting	Chappell	Jerdonek
June 30 (between meetings)	<i>Vacant</i>	
July 20 meeting	Jerdonek	Stone
January 18, 2023 meeting	Stone	Jerdonek

### 2.3. Committees

TODO: add BOPEC membership.

### 3. Staffing & Administration

- John Arntz continued to serve as the Director of Elections.
- Martha Delgadillo served as the Commission Secretary until November 2022.
- Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores served as the Commission’s Attorney, with Deputy City Attorney Brad Russi assisting and occasionally filling in (e.g. at the November 16, 2022 meeting). TODO: also mention Andrew Shen.

TODO: insert info about the Commission’s social media.

### 4. Commission Meetings

TODO: insert table of meetings and note average meeting length, etc.

### 5. Elections

The Department held four elections in 2022. The elections are listed below, along with the dates of the Elections Commission meetings during which the Commission (1) reviewed the Department’s Election Plan for the election and (2) reviewed the election itself.

<b>Election</b>	<b>Review of Plan</b>	<b>Review of Election</b>
February 15, 2022 Consolidated Special Municipal Election*	December 15, 2021	April 6, 2022
April 19, 2022 Special General Election*	April 6, 2022	May 18, 2022
June 7, 2022 Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election	May 18, 2022	July 20, 2022
November 8, 2022 Consolidated General Election	September 21, 2022	December 12, 2022

The two elections on February 15 and April 19 (indicated with an asterisk in the table above) were special. The reasons for the special elections are described below.

#### **February 15, 2022 Consolidated Special Municipal Election.**

The Department held a special election on February 15, 2022 because in October 2021 three recall petitions for members of the local Board of Education were certified as sufficient.

In addition to the three recall measures, the election also had contests for the offices of Assessor-Recorder and State Assembly, District 17. Assessor-Recorder was on the ballot because a vacancy was created when Mayor London Breed appointed Assessor-Recorder

Carmen Chu to serve as City Administrator on February 2, 2021. (On February 9, 2021, she appointed Joaquin Torres to serve as interim Assessor-Recorder.) Similarly, the State Assembly seat was on the ballot because a vacancy was created when Mayor Breed appointed Assembly Member David Chiu to the position of San Francisco City Attorney in September 2021.

### **April 19, 2022 Special General Election**

The Department held a special election on April 19, 2022 because no candidate for District 17 State Assembly received a majority (50%+1) in the February 15, 2022 primary above.

### **5.1. Elimination of Odd-Year Elections (November 2022’s Proposition H)**

In the November 2022 election, voters passed a Charter amendment called Proposition H by 71% to 29%.<sup>1</sup> The passage of Proposition H moved the elections for the local offices of Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer from November of odd years (2023, 2027, etc.) to November of presidential election years (2024, 2028, etc.). This eliminated the need for the Department to run regular elections in odd years. In exchange, the November presidential elections would have a longer ballot.

## **6. Election Results Reporting**

TODO: complete this section, and add remaining sections.

## **12. Appendices**

- A. Commission Bylaws relating to the Annual Report

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<sup>1</sup> November 8, 2022 Election Results: <https://sfelections.sfgov.org/november-8-2022-election-results-summary>



## Appendix A

### Commission Bylaws relating to the Annual Report

This appendix includes for convenience those sections of the Elections Commission Bylaws that mention the Commission Annual Report.

#### SAN FRANCISCO ELECTIONS COMMISSION BYLAWS

(as amended April 21, 2021)

#### ARTICLE IV – COMMISSION'S POWERS AND DUTIES

M. The Commission shall prepare an annual report describing its activities and shall file such report with the Mayor and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors consistent with the Commission's duties under Section 4.103 of the San Francisco Charter and Sections 1.56 and 8.16 of the Administrative Code. This annual report shall cover the calendar year from January 1 through December 31.

#### ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

##### Section 2. The President

E. As soon as reasonably practicable following completion of each calendar year, the President who served at the conclusion of that calendar year shall present a draft annual report to the full Commission. An annual report shall be approved by the full Commission as soon as reasonably practicable following submission of the draft annual report.

#### ARTICLE XI – COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Section 1. Each year, the Commission President shall cause to be bound the "Commission Annual Report."

Section 2. The Commission Annual Report shall contain the President's report of the activities of the Commission during the previous year, as well as any other information the President deems significant and of likely assistance to subsequent Commissions.

Section 3. It is the intent to preserve and pass on to successive Commissions relevant information so as to make more effective subsequent Commission tenures by providing institutional memory to assist in resolution of recurring Commission problems.

## 13. Attachments

1. "Open Source Voting History in San Francisco 'At a Glance,'" September 20, 2022 (3 pages).
2. Elections Commission "Resolution on Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment," October 19, 2022 (2 pages)
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