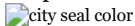




August 11, 2005 - August 12, 2005

The Department of Elections



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Meeting Notice

Ballot Simplification Committee for the November 8, 2005 Consolidated Special Statewide Election

Agenda

The Ballot Simplification Committee prepares an impartial summary of each local ballot measure. These digests are included in San Francisco's Voter Information Pamphlet, which is mailed to each registered voter in advance of each election. The Committee must complete its digests no later than 85 days before the election. For the November 8, 2005 election, this deadline falls on Monday, August 15. In general, the digests are limited to 300 words.

The Committee's procedures can be summarized as follows. First, the Committee develops a draft digest of each ballot measure. Once the Committee members agree on a draft, they invite public comment on the proposed digest. Each speaker is asked to observe a three-minute time limit. After all public comment is received, the Committee decides whether to revise the digest based on the comments. The Committee does not consider political arguments about the proposed measures. After all proposed revisions are considered, the Committee votes to adopt a final digest. At least three BSC members must vote in favor of a digest before it becomes final.

Any person may submit a written Request for Reconsideration of a digest to the Department of Elections. Guidelines and applicable deadlines for Requests for Reconsideration are available at each Committee meeting or from the Department of Elections.

For more information about the Ballot Simplification Committee meetings, please contact Barbara Carr at (415) 554-6105 or Barbara.Carr@sfgov.org

Location: Meetings will be held in City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place in San Francisco. Please refer to individual meeting dates for exact locations.

Time: All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

Please note that the discussion order of items on each day's agenda is subject to change at the Committee's discretion.

Thursday, August 11, 2005 **City Hall, Room 34 *** **9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Preparation of digests of ordinances and declarations of policy, if any, submitted by the Mayor or four or more members of the Board of Supervisors by the August 10, 2005, 5:00 p.m. deadline. Information about these measures will be available starting August 9, 2005 at the Department of Elections. Please call 415-554-6105 for more information.**
- 2. Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration of approved digests received before Friday, August 5 at 5:00 p.m.**
- 3. Review of approved digests for style continuity**

4. Discussion of “Words You Need To Know.

5. Discussion of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet.

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

Continuance or Adjournment***

Friday, August 12, 2005 City Hall, Room 82 * 9:00 a.m.

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2. Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration of approved digests received before Thursday, August 11 at 5:00 p.m., if any.

3. Discussion of “Words You Need To Know.

4. Discussion of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet.

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

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* Meeting rooms are subject to change. If a room change is necessary, a notice will be posted outside the original meeting room. Information will also be available at the Department of Elections, City Hall, Room 48, or via telephone at 415-554-4375.

** For identification purposes only; not actual or proposed title

** If an item is continued to a subsequent meeting, a notice of continuance will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the hearing room and the Department of Elections

Agenda items will be continued in the order above.

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