


March 9, 2006

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

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John Arntz, Director

Meeting Notice

**Ballot Simplification Committee
for the June 6, 2006 Consolidated Primary Election**

Amended Agenda #2 for Week of March 6-10, 2006

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 June 6, 2006 election, this deadline falls on Monday, March 13. 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

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.

Monday, March 6, 2006 City Hall, Room 416* 9:00 a.m.

1. Charter Amendment: Homicide Prevention**

**2. Preparation of digests of ordinances and declarations of policy, if any, submitted by Friday, March 3, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.
Information about these measures will be available starting March 3, 2006 at the Department of Elections. Please call
415-554-6105 for more information.**

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

Continuance or Adjournment***

Thursday, March 9, 2006 City Hall, Room 408 * 9:00 a.m.

1. Initiative Ordinance: Laguna Honda Hospital, Zoning for Health Care Facilities**

- 2. Preparation of digests of ordinances and declarations of policy, if any, submitted by Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Information about these measures will be available starting March 7, 2006 at the Department of Elections. Please call 415-554-6105 for more information.**

- 3. Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration of approved digests received before Wednesday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Continuance or Adjournment***

Friday, March 10, 2006 City Hall, Room 421 * 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Ordinance: Eviction Disclosure ****
- 2. Ordinance: Appointing Board Members to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority ****
- 3. Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration of approved digests received before Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. (via email or fax; office submissions must made be prior to 5:00 p.m.), if any.**
- 4. Discussion and possible approval of “Words You Need To Know.”**
- 5. Discussion and possible approval of other informational materials for the Voter Information Pamphlet.**

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Continuance or Adjournment***

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*** 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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