

Ballot Simplification Committee Members

Thank you very much for your work and service on the Ballot Simplification Committee. I am writing on behalf of the campaign against the Recall of the District Attorney.

Regarding the proposed ballot digest for *Recall Measure Regarding Chesa Boudin*.

We have several concerns. The first is this statement which is not accurate:

“and the City would likely hold an election for District Attorney as part of November 8, 2022, regular election.”

It is likely that an election for District Attorney would **not** be held on November 8, 2022. The appointed District Attorney would only appear on the November 8, 2022, ballot if appointed by the mayor 120 days before the November 8, 2022 election, which is July 11, 2022.

Based on previous election certification processes, an appointment might not even be possible until as late as July 22, 2022.

In March of 2020, the Department of Elections certified and communicated results to the Board of Supervisors 28 days after the election. The Board approved these results on April 7, 2020. This is 35 days after the election.

With the requirement that the Mayor may not appoint a replacement until at least ten days after the board's certification. An appointment could be prohibited until 45 days after the June 7, 2022 election.

Moreover, there is no requirement that the mayor appoint immediately after the certification process is completed.

This makes it unlikely that an election for District Attorney will appear on the November 8, 2022, regular election.

With the uncertainty about the actual election date and the ballot proposition that would change the appointment process, we propose removing this section from the digest.

Our comments for the **In the way it is now** section.

Using an election date and the date the term ends could be confusing to voters:

On November 5, 2019, San Francisco voters elected Chesa Boudin to be District Attorney to a four-year term ending on January 8, 2024

We would propose stating this as a more accurate description of dates:

On November 5, 2019, San Francisco voters elected Chesa Boudin to be District Attorney. The next regular election for this office is November 7, 2023.

We believe that this statement is confusing and not relevant:
On November 8, 2022, the City will hold a regularly scheduled election.

Thank you very much for your consideration.