



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

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Meeting Notice

**Ballot Simplification Committee for the
November 3, 2020, Consolidated General Election**

Agenda for August 3–7, 2020

The Ballot Simplification Committee 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 Committee 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 Committee 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 If a measure is withdrawn before the Committee meets to consider that measure, the measure will be taken off the Committee’s agenda.

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

Pursuant to the Governor for the State of California’s Executive Order N-29-20 and the 20th Supplement to the Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency, the Ballot Simplification Committee shall meet remotely from July 20, 2020, to August 7, 2020.

For more information about the Ballot Simplification Committee, visit sfelections.org/bsc or contact the Department of Elections office at (415) 554-4375 .

Agenda information:

- The discussion order of items on each day’s agenda is subject to change at the Committee’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.
- If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed to the Ballot Simplification Committee, those materials will be posted at sfelections.org/bsc and available by appointment for public inspection at the Department of Elections in City Hall, Room 48. Please contact the Department at (415)554-4375 or SFvote@sfgov.org to schedule an appointment.
- For some measures, there may be additional information in the Board of Supervisors files. In these instances, a link to other relevant legislative materials, such as the most recent Board of Supervisors or Rules Committee meeting packet and/or public submissions, will be provided at sfelections.org/bsc and shared with Committee members .
- Materials for the Committee members’ reference may be submitted to the Department of Elections at publications@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 Committee clerk during the meeting by email at publications@sfgov.org.
- If an item is continued to a subsequent meeting, a notice of continuance will be posted at sfelections.org/bsc and on the bulletin boards outside the meeting room and the Department of Elections.

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

Location: Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held on the Webex platform. Please refer to individual meeting dates for meeting information. Members of the public will be able to participate online or by telephone. In addition to participating in real time, interested persons are encouraged to participate in this meeting by submitting public comment in writing by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting to publications@sfgov.org.

Monday, August 3

Event link: <https://ccsf.webex.com/ccsf/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef11b75725a9d226181e78fe5672620c2>

Event number: 146 287 2581

Event password: BSC2020

Telephone access number: +1-408-418-9388

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1. Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration for the Affordable Housing Authorization digest
2. Charter amendment and ordinance: Business Tax Overhaul
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
3. Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee

Continuance or Adjournment

Tuesday, August 4

Event link: <https://ccsf.webex.com/ccsf/onstage/g.php?MTID=ebee4e6917cf4e3e241521c71089c7703>

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1. Ordinance: Neighborhood Commercial Districts and City Permitting
Discussion and possible action to adopt a digest
2. Discussion and possible action concerning Roll Call Vote Regarding Ballot Digests. Prior votes taken on the following ballot digests during the week of July 20, 2020 were not taken by roll call:
 - Health and Homelessness, Parks, and Streets Bond;
 - Removing Citizenship Requirements for Members of City Bodies;
 - Public Works Commission, Department of Sanitation and Streets, and Sanitation and Streets Commission;
 - Real Estate Transfer Tax; and
 - Youth Voting in Local Elections.

The Committee will take roll call votes on these ballot digests, and has no intention of hearing further appeals.

3. Discussion and possible approval of Frequently Asked Questions
4. Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee

Continuance or Adjournment

Wednesday, August 5

Event link: <https://ccsf.webex.com/ccsf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e0f0a5bf1a3f6bbfea786bb9ca3b6ee7e>

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1. Discussion and possible approval of “Words You Need to Know”
2. Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee

Continuance or Adjournment

Thursday, August 6

Event link: <https://ccsf.webex.com/ccsf/onstage/g.php?MTID=ede2688d4aae950ead3efdd9c751eecba>

Event number: 146 704 1071

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Telephone access code: 146 704 1071

1. Discussion and possible action concerning Requests for Reconsideration of digests approved Monday-Tuesday, August 3-4
2. Discussion and possible approval of “Words You Need to Know” (if necessary)
3. Public Comment on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ballot Simplification Committee

Adjournment

Friday, August 7

No meeting scheduled

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