

Ballot Access Modernization Committee

April 21, 2022 Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Comments

(Councilmember Black and Clerk López- 5 Min.)

2. Review of Last Meeting

(Clerk López- 5 Min.)

- Timelines
 - Issues around statutory deadlines vs administrative burdens
 - New April municipal pushes election timeline into November election
- Municipal Information Booklet
 - Clerk's Recommendations for:
 - Closing comment period earlier to allow for translation
 - Allowing Clerk to summarize all comments
 - Proposal for City Council to place items on ballot earlier than 60 days

3. Items Identified for Discussion Today

(Councilwoman Black 45 Min)

- Issues identified by Councilwoman Black
 - Re-review of ballot title setting options
 - Recommendation from Clerk:
 - City Council staff and City Attorney create a “staff draft” of a title for review and comment
 - Clerk reviews and allows for 1 week of written public comment
 - Clerk sets title in consultation with the City Attorney
 - Allow for hearing/appeals process through appropriate court
 - Recommendation from Councilwoman Black:
 - Create a Title Board similar to the state model.
 - State Title Board consists of:
 - Secretary of State, Attorney General, Director of Legislative Legal Services
- Municipal Information Booklet Recommendation Review:
 - Clerk Recommendations:
 - See above from last meeting.
 - Councilwoman Black Recommendations:
 - Create an internal city team from the City Attorney's Office, Department of Finance, and City Council to perform fiscal and operational analysis and summary of initiatives and referenda for the ballot booklet.
- Petition Transparency:
 - Recommendation from Councilwoman Black:
 - Require Department of Finance to conduct fiscal analysis and have it placed on petitions before circulation

- Require the Elections Division to post fiscal and operational analysis on elections website

4. Committee Discussion on Future Agenda Items

(Councilmember Black and Clerk López- 15 Min.)

- Review & identify topics for next meeting:
 - Signature thresholds & requirements for signatures from each council district
 - Signature verification processes

5. Public Comment Period

(Moderated by Clerk López- 15 Min.)

6. Adjourn