



**City of Los Angeles
Office of the City Clerk - Election Division**

2010 Neighborhood Council (NC) Elections Regional Feedback Meeting





2010 Feedback Regional Meeting:

- **Welcome / Introductions**
- **Purpose**



Discussion Etiquette

- Silence all cell phones
- Speak up when asking a question
- Minimize side conversations
- Focus on solutions
- Hold each other accountable to these rules



Agenda

- **Welcome/Introductions**
- **Improving Coordination and Communication**
- **Preparing Documents**
- **Election Process**
- **Tools and Forms**
- **Post-Election and Board Transition**
- **NC Implementing Their Own Elections**
- **Next Steps**



Improving Coordination and Communication

Discussion Ideas

- **City Clerk and NCs**
- **Congress**
- **NC Alliance Presentations**
- **Informational Meetings**
- **Stakeholder/Candidate Information Meetings**
- **Regional Map Assignments**
- **Election Day Lottery**
- **Random Alpha Drawing**
- **NC Election Development Group (NC EDG)**
- **List-serve Notifications**



Preparing Documents

Discussion Ideas

- **DONE Approved Bylaws**
- **Stipulation Language Worksheet**
- **Polling Place Suggestion Forms**
- **Reviewing Map Boundaries (Including districts/zones/areas)**



Election Process

Discussion Ideas

- **Bylaw Amendments**
- **Receiving DONE Approved Bylaws**
- **Election Timelines**
- **Stipulation Language Worksheets**
- **Polling Place Suggestions**
- **Boundary Map and District Reviews**
- **Volunteer Pollworker Program**
- **Candidate Filing Process**
- **Vote-By-Mail Process**
- **Election Day/Stakeholder Registration Process**
- **Challenge Review Process**
- **California Public Records Act (CPRA) Requests**



Tools and Forms

Discussion Ideas

- Election Procedures
- Stipulation Language Worksheet
- Stakeholder Registration Form
- Ballots
- Endorsement Forms
- Polling Place Suggestion Form
- NC Pollworker Volunteer Application
- Ballot Voting Model
- Policies
- Signage
- Voting Booths
- Informational Kiosks
- Website



Post Election and Board Transition

Discussion Ideas

- **Post Election Timelines**
- **Tallying Ballots**
- **Challenge Resolutions**
- **Election-Related Materials Retention**
- **Best Practices**



NCs Implementing Their Own Elections

Discussion Ideas

- **Potential Options**
 - I. **NCs Implement Their Own Elections**
 - II. **Hybrid System - The City Clerk Functions as IEA**
 - III. **NC Choice (Self-run or City Clerk)**
 - IV. **Other**
- **Pilot Programs**



Next Steps

- **Compile After Action Report**
- **Make Presentation to Education and Neighborhood Committee and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners**
- **Convene NC Election Development Group for 2012**



Question and Answer



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THANK YOU!



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Improving Coordination and Communication

- ☐ Generally communication was good between City Clerk and NCs.
- ☐ Lack of Communication between City Clerk and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).
- ☐ Needed more communication between NCs and City Clerk before/during election.
 - ✓ Provide explanations of the process to all.
 - Candidates
 - Voter
 - Board
- ☐ Had issues w/presentation of Election Procedures (EPs)
 - ✓ The meeting with the NC was “cancelled” due to CD2 Special Election and EPs had to be endorsed that meeting. (Specific to Mid City West)
- ☐ Election Day (E-Day) Lottery and selection of E-day
 - ✓ Have an alternate plan B to allow for flexibility in E-day to accommodate for NCs with specific stakeholder groups
 - ✓ Due to criteria (specific to Mid City West)
- ☐ Challenge Notification
 - ✓ Let NCs know when board can be seated.
- ☐ EPs should state who the issuing authority is on document
 - ✓ “Developed by the City Clerk - Election Division. For more information call (213) 978-0444”
- ☐ Pico Union
 - ✓ Not well organized. Needed more notice to Board and Public/Stakeholders. Lack of communication.
- ☐ Hollywood Studio District
 - ✓ Always told no to the NC’s requests. City Clerk needs to be able to respond to the NC’s individual requests.
- ☐ Communications relative to Challenges
 - ✓ Responding to notifications by public regarding issues and violations of EPs
 - ✓ City Clerk needs to improve

Preparing Documents

- ☐ City Clerk was responsible for bylaw deadlines, but DONE was responsible for the process.
 - ✓ Lack of coordination between the two departments.
 - ✓ Need to have more flexibility with the process.
- ☐ NCs should meet deadlines for bylaws.
- ☐ Stipulation Language Worksheet (Stip Doc)
 - ✓ Needs clarification on what the consequences are for each choice.
 - i.e., Some NCs thought Self-Affirmation also applied to the Candidate Filing process.



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- ✓ We should have an explanation of how Stip Doc decisions will affect their overall process.
- ✓ Allow more time for the Boards to discuss the issues and not rush and make hasty decisions.

Election Process

- Revise Factual Basis (FB) Stakeholder Status
 - ✓ 57% of GGPNC voters were FB, and many couldn't point to the location of the address they used to establish their stakeholder status on the map.
 - ✓ Remove their ability to participate (2)
 - ✓ Change the requirement with City Council
- Need more translators on Election Day
 - ✓ Many non-English speakers weren't able to understand instructions and couldn't point out the address/cross streets on the map.
- Voting age is 13 at Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC). Many students were being exploited and bombarded with campaigning materials in front of their schools.
- Electioneering
 - ✓ Need more control of Electioneering and voter intimidation (comment regarding Pico Union voters being coerced into participating).
 - ✓ Too much electioneering at the polls.
- Stakeholders needed more access to VBM/General Outreach needed.
- Consider NCs covering the cost of polling place.
- Update the website during the filing process so that the public knows which seats are vacant.
- Have pre-registration a week before election, in order to save time on Election Day.

Tools and Forms

- Mandatory designation of the "No Electioneering" perimeter and marking it with caution tape.
- Bylaws issuance
 - ✓ DLANC stakeholders had to choose between Skid Row Resident or Social Services Provider.
 - ✓ NCs need a better explanation of the Ballot Voting Model (BVM) so they know what/how ballot types would be affected
- Provide Sample Ballots and Translations
- Signage
 - ✓ Provided by the City Clerk
 - ✓ Bigger signage for the election
 - ✓ Provide signage at least a week before E-Day with City Logo to make it look official.
 - ✓ Have other things to make the polling place distinguishable, i.e., balloons.



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- ☐ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant polling places.
- ☐ Website
 - ✓ Provide updates in a timelier manner.
 - ✓ Works and was very useful when it was updated.
 - ✓ Provide NC specific sample ballots on the website
 - ✓ Do not show election results as certified on website until after the challenges have been resolved. This was misleading for some NCs.
 - ✓ Provide links to where people can do their own web based translations, i.e., Google translate, etc.
 - ✓ Maintain website through E-day.
 - ✓ Provide the City Clerk website template to NCs as a suggestion to assist NCs who do not have a web presence.
 - City Clerk to provide technical staff to NCs so as to help them develop websites for NCs.
- ☐ Provide all NCs presentation of the EPs.
 - ✓ Have earlier notification/access to the documents

Post-Election

- ☐ First issue challenge results to the board/NC/Challenger/those being challenged.
 - ✓ Someone from CD13 was notified before the Board/those being challenged knew. That person then leaked it to the rest of the Board.
- ☐ Notification of Results
 - ✓ Call candidates to notify them that they won.
 - ✓ E-blast to notify all candidates of results.
- ☐ Election Timelines
 - ✓ Lack of coordination with DONE (demand warrants/budget).
 - ✓ Shorter timeline for challenge response from City Clerk on the decision.
 - ✓ Consider the election process w/the NC budgetary timeframes.
 - ✓ Clarify the deadlines for all things on the timeline.
 - Show exact dates
- ☐ Challenge Process/Review Panel
 - ✓ Needs to be more transparent, want to know the names of panelist and have access to meetings. (2)
 - ✓ An appeal/review process for the challenge process.
 - ✓ More in depth explanation in Challenge Response.
 - ✓ Panel decisions should not be reversed.
 - ✓ Review panels should be transparent with Observers.
 - People should have a chance to defend/opportunity for rebuttal, having three people to decide the election and overturn (the 240 votes in case of HSDNC) isn't fair.
 - ✓ Those that sign up to be on panel are public officials, so the whole process should be public and they should be subject to public scrutiny as public officials.



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- ✓ City Clerk should still have the power to overturn challenge panel to protect and to prevent injustices.
- ✓ Challenge process needs to have an appeal process and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) should be the last resort/say in the process. BONC needs to be part of the process.
- ✓ Revise the remedies/sanctions and standards for decisions proportionate to the offense.
- Simplify the election process.
- Establish standards and accountability.

NCs Implement their Own Elections

- NCs are all individual, separate entities, a cookie cutter approach isn't suitable for the NC elections.
- Vote-By-Mail (VBM)
 - ✓ VBM is crucial to allow for participation by work/own business/property.
 - ✓ VBM is open to fraud.
- Hybrid system. (5 votes)
- NC's Choice.
- NCs Do Own Elections.
- City Clerk Runs them. (2 votes)
- Get Non-City Clerk Independent Election Administrators (IEA)
- City Clerk adds to election legitimacy.
- If NCs run the election, friends start to monopolize the council, abuse power.
 - ✓ Need to have an outsider run it so that there is a working chance.
 - ✓ Need to work together with NCs to work the kinks out of the system since it is still new.
- City Clerk needs to be more accountable.
- NC alone = too much possibility of corruption, City Clerk ran = too costly. Have a hybrid systems with non-profit i.e., League of Women Voters running the election.
- Hybrid system with City Clerk. Makes the election more official.
 - ✓ Using the same forms for 2012.
 - ✓ NCs are different so need to be independently ran, can't use standard election process.
- IEAs worked okay, but having staggered terms was very useful, as only half of the board is up for election.
- Need to involve City Clerk. Previously, Human Relations handled Challenges, always had a hybrid system even when it was run by NCs.



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Question and Answer

- ☐ Cost breakdown in after action report? (as specific as possible)
- ☐ Candidate Filing Process – Review
 - ✓ Took seven people to process a candidate, candidate was made to wait two hours just to figure out mapping of address.
- ☐ Place Dismissed challenges onto the website.
 - ✓ Include name of challenger.
 - ✓ Having them posted will prevent others from trying to fraudulently challenge things.
- ☐ Provide NCs with more orientations for new board members (by DONE)



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Improving Coordination and Communication

- ☐ Provide election information to the stakeholders, not just the Board
- ☐ More info to the Board regarding the election to promote involvement
- ☐ Provide NCs with more information on how to vote for factual basis candidates and how to restrict their participation

Preparing Documents

- ☐ Information available to NCs regarding how to restrict the factual basis stakeholders and how to restrict them to voting for one position
 - ✓ Example of how other NCs allow factual basis voters to participate
- ☐ Specify minimum voting age on the Stakeholder Registration Form

Election Process

- ☐ Vote-By-Mail (VBM) should be less restricted and more people should be allowed to vote by mail if they wanted to
 - ✓ Similar to Municipal Election
- ☐ Increasing the number of volunteer pollworkers
 - ✓ Provide/stress the requirements for volunteering to NCs
 - ✓ Stress the training requirement and other options for people who didn't go through trainings to participate on Election Day
 - ✓ Make presentation to the board requesting volunteers at their board meetings
 - ✓ Make the presentation to election/outreach committees
- ☐ Polling Place selection should include schools too
 - ✓ Work with NCs sooner to see about getting fees shared with the NC or waived by the school
- ☐ Include the number of resident turnout at each NC election in the report

Tools and Forms

- ☐ Ballots
 - ✓ Layout of the ballots and the positions listed on the ballot should be in order of the positions hierarchy (officers first)
 - ✓ Lines for write-ins should only be included if there are write-in candidates for the position
 - ✓ Provide the NCs with copies of the ballots after the election
- ☐ Registration Forms should be provided to NC without redactions with all emails included
- ☐ Candidate Statements should be placed prominently in the polling place so that voters can read them before they vote



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- ☐ No electioneering signage should be posted at the 100 foot marker - more signs!
- ☐ Website - make them available for MAC users to be able to navigate

Post Elections

- ☐ Stress to the NC that the 45 days have elapsed and that they have “until this date” (six months) to pick them up. Include who the contact will be. Deadline stressed to the NCs
- ☐ Reminder to NCs when 30 days are left before supplies are destroyed

NCs Implementing Their Own Elections

- ☐ NC Holds their Own
- ☐ City Clerk as IEA (one - North West San Pedro NC)
- ☐ NC Choice (two - Harbor Gateway North NC, North West San Pedro NC)
- ☐ Collect feedback at the NC Alliance Meetings
 - ✓ Use the alliances to promote the collection of feedback
- ☐ Factual Basis Stakeholder Discussion
- ☐ How did people vote provisionally?
 - ✓ Suggest that people have the option to return to polling place and bring back the documentation
- ☐ Ask the NC for feedback on how many people they gauge will turnout for the election
- ☐ The NCs need the candidate statements with enough time to get them in outreach materials and/or newsletters



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Improving Coordination and Communication

- Don't attend the Congress so often
- Don't like the Election Day (E-day) lottery system
 - ✓ Should be based on the needs of the stakeholders
 - Sunday/Weekend Elections disenfranchise Business Stakeholders
 - Any NC that has their election falling on a Sunday should have the option to change to a weekday election
- Better to keep regional elections so there are fewer elections and have them during the week.
- Polling Place Coordination
 - ✓ Some NCs need multiple polling locations and E-days
 - ✓ Allow NCs to give City Clerk their Polling Place Choice and stick to it
 - ✓ Take parking into consideration when choosing a polling place, needs more parking than a municipal polling place
 - ✓ Give NCs more options to choose
 - Polling place
 - Hours of operation
 - E-day

Preparing Documents

- Five suggestions for the polling place suggestion form is too many
 - ✓ Should only need one since the NCs know where their stakeholders frequent
 - ✓ Just have NCs choose their polling place
- Ballots
 - ✓ NCs should be asked what the ballot looks like.
 - Too many exchanges back and forth in the case of Venice NC on issues with the ballot
 - Should allow NCs to develop own ballots and have City Clerk use those models

Election Process

- Vote-By-Mail (VBM)
 - ✓ Everyone should have access to VBM
 - ✓ Program was abused in Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC)
 - ✓ Should only be available to those physically unable to go to the polls due to a disability
 - All other stakeholders should make time to vote
 - ✓ If a stakeholder is already a registered VBM voter for the City/County, they should be eligible to vote by mail for NC Elections
 - Use the same database used for municipal/county elections for VBM registration



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- Won't this limit who can VBM? All factual basis stakeholders and stakeholders who are younger than 18 would have to go to the polls to vote.
- Volunteer Program
 - ✓ Should be eliminated
 - ✓ Should allow unopposed candidates or board members not up for election to be pollworkers
 - ✓ Change language on registration form to state "if you are a stakeholder in an NC, you cannot volunteer in your NC's election"
 - ✓ Volunteer pollworkers should be the termed out Board Members
- Website
 - ✓ Should include links to individual NC websites
 - ✓ Standardize candidate statements/have them be accepted through digital format, not as handwritten, scanned, then pdf-ed
 - Difficult to work with handwritten statements for publication purposes on individual NC websites.
- Pre-Registration
 - ✓ Allow pre-registration like in statewide/county/municipal elections
 - ✓ Make database of registered stakeholders so stakeholders don't have to re-register
 - ✓ Use pre-existing City/County voter registration database
 - ✓ Especially useful for high turnout NCs
 - ✓ Start a week in advance
- Violation of Election Rules
 - ✓ In cases of electioneering and other violations, there needs to be more sanctions taken on Election Day
 - Not just for candidates but for stakeholders too
- Firefighters were turned away from voting
 - ✓ Should allow uniformed people on duty to vote even without documentation

Tools and Forms

- Ballots
 - ✓ Need to be simplified more. Even simple ballots were made to be confusing
- Website
 - ✓ Needs to be more user-friendly
 - ✓ Currently very difficult to navigate
 - ✓ Have a link on the front page to each NC specific info page
 - ✓ Post list of certified candidates on the website as they are certified and been verified by management
- VBM
 - ✓ Should have a roster at the official table
 - ✓ Should also have a roster at the door like in other elections



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- ☐ General Election Information
 - ✓ All Stakeholders should have the same access to election related information. Not just the Board Members of an NC.
- ☐ Policies
 - ✓ Need to more clearly define what constitutes electioneering
 - Wearing t-shirt/hat/other accessories in polling places shouldn't be considered electioneering when it's by a stakeholder
 - Only talking to and passing out information within the 100 foot perimeter should be considered electioneering
- ☐ Acceptable Forms of Documentation
 - ✓ Needs to be clarified
 - ✓ Many people submitted documentation listed and were told that it wasn't enough
- ☐ A list of common locations/stores/etc. should be supplied to clerks on Election Day to help factual basis stakeholders register

Post-Election

- ☐ Seating of the Board
 - ✓ Issues with being told when to seat the Board
 - ✓ Should be according to an NC's bylaws and use Policy 22 in case of no clause in the bylaws
- ☐ Challenges
 - ✓ Should include Electioneering and Voter Intimidation as challengeable items
 - ✓ Should have sanctions/more actions taken against individuals on the day of election.
- ☐ Add teeth to the penalty of perjury clause

NCs Implement their Own Elections

- ☐ Outreach
 - ✓ City Clerk should do outreach, even if it means NCs setting aside money to give to City Clerk to do it
 - ✓ For newly-certified NCs, the City Clerk should be responsible for outreach, especially since no funds have been allocated to the Transition Committee
- ☐ Allow NCs to Choose an Independent Election Administrator (IEA) or City Clerk
- ☐ Use City Clerk as IEA
 - ✓ Have City Clerk run elections, but follow instructions of the NC like in the IEA system
 - ✓ Having an independent outside authority like the City Clerk is important for running NC elections
- ☐ Newly-certified NCs
 - ✓ Better to give City Clerk more authority over election



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- Transition committee should not be making the decisions for the NC, as they maybe more likely to support one slate over another
 - Have City Clerk make the decisions and run all things to ensure fair results
- Due to City Clerk, this was the lowest turnout election for Neighborhood Council Westchester-Playa (NCWP) and Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC)
 - ✓ Because Election Day was on a weekend

Question and Answer

- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment should be eliminated from the Election Process



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Improving Coordination and Communication

- ☐ Lack of communication between NCs and City Clerk
 - ✓ Frequent email blasts and more phone calls would help
 - ✓ Constantly update list serve
- ☐ It was a one-size-fits-all election process
 - ✓ No flexibility
 - ✓ Allow more notice on deadline for documents
 - ✓ Flexible with deadlines for each NC with specific needs
 - ✓ More flexibility with election time and location
- ☐ More one-on-one communication between Project Coordinator (PC) and NC
- ☐ More communication between polling place recruiters and NC
 - ✓ NCs should know election day and time before filling out the Polling Place Suggestion Form (PPSF)
 - ✓ Allow NCs to give out more suggestions for polling places if unable to recruit their top choice.
- ☐ City Clerk must follow their own policies
 - ✓ No changes midstream to the policies
- ☐ All forms (endorsements, Stipulation Language Worksheet (SLW), PPSF) submitted by the board should be sent back as an email confirmation to all the board members within each NC to keep everyone aware and informed.
- ☐ PC treated board members as kindergartners at the feedback meeting
- ☐ More presence at NC Valley Alliances
- ☐ Listen to NCs
- ☐ For meetings hosted by the City Clerk, pick night where there are no NC meetings
- ☐ Improve communication on what choices NCs have regarding documentation and self-affirmation
- ☐ The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) should be at the meetings hosted by the City Clerk

Preparing Documents

- ☐ Enlarge regional maps
- ☐ Request input from NCs before finalizing the regional map
- ☐ Use only NC-approved bylaws



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Election Process

- SLW needs to be explained to NCs
 - ✓ City Clerk must define what self-affirmation (SA) means and what is challengeable and non-challengeable if the NC opts for SA
 - ✓ SLW needs to be followed
- Clarify stakeholder definition
- Use bylaws sent to the City Clerk from NC
 - ✓ No DONE approved bylaws
- All Vote-By-Mail (VBM) system for all NCs
- Limited VBM
- NCs should be allowed to provide VBM at their own expense
- City Clerk should provide educational material to VBM stakeholders
- Candidate information should have been provided to VBM voters
- Must be a U.S. citizen to vote
- Allow stakeholders to pre-register before Election Day
- Have general meetings to inform and teach stakeholders how to file
- City Clerk needs to follow NC's bylaws
- Polling place recruitment
 - ✓ Consider security
 - ✓ Room that is spacious enough for all the voting materials and all the posting
 - ✓ Sufficient lighting inside and outside of polling place
 - ✓ Provide notification to NC as soon as polling place is recruited
- Candidate filing
 - ✓ Simplify the candidate filing process
 - ✓ Candidate filing period should remain open until 30 days before election
 - ✓ Candidate filing period should remain open until 60 days before election
 - ✓ All candidates should be held to the same standard
 - ✓ Notify potential candidates in a timely manner regarding any issues with their candidate filing packet
 - ✓ Allow more time between candidate filing deadline and Write-in deadline
 - ✓ Update website during the candidate filing period to allow NCs to know which seats have been filed and which are still open in order to conduct better outreach
 - ✓ Provide confirmation to candidates filing within 24 hours to confirm receipt of Candidate Filing Packet
 - ✓ No Write-in candidates
 - ✓ Tailor candidate packets for each NC



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- ✓ Post the documents candidates used to qualify as candidates on the website
- ✓ Redact signatures from candidate statements
- ✓ Candidate Statements should include what seat the person is seeking
- Pollworkers
 - ✓ NCs should conduct the NC-specific training for pollworkers
 - ✓ More effort by the City Clerk to recruit volunteer pollworkers
 - ✓ Make it easy for pollworkers to volunteer
 - ✓ Trainings should be local
 - ✓ Should not require a certain amount of time for people to sign up to volunteer
 - ✓ Pollworkers should be friendlier
- Challenge Review Panel
 - ✓ Challenge Review Panel decisions should not be overturned
 - ✓ All challenges should go to the Challenge Review Panel
 - ✓ Disclose criteria of what is challengeable
 - ✓ Issue confirmation of receipt to challenger
 - ✓ The City Clerk should not contradict themselves by saying one thing and then issuing a letter stating the opposite when it comes to challenges
 - ✓ All challenges should be posted on the web regardless of whether they were accepted or denied
- Establish consequences for perjury
- California Public Records Act (CPRA)
 - ✓ Some CPRA requests are time sensitive and should be provided in a timely manner
- Campaign finances
 - ✓ Need to address campaign funding
 - ✓ Need campaign rules regarding raising money
- No one should be denied a provisional ballot
- Ties should be communicated to entire board

Tools and Forms

- Registration forms
 - ✓ Customize to each NC's needs
 - ✓ Allow stakeholders to pre-register before election day
 - ✓ Accept verbal affirmation to a person's eligibility to vote, City Clerk doesn't know anything
 - ✓ Allow all police officers to vote
- Timeline is too spread out



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- ☐ Keep candidate timeline as it is
- ☐ Redefine business owner definition
- ☐ Make all forms the same size
- ☐ Website
 - ✓ Make files online electronically fillable
 - ✓ Make website user friendly
 - ✓ Do not publish private information on the website
 - ✓ Easy online access to forms
 - ✓ Should be a standard HTML website
 - ✓ Make website Macintosh friendly
- ☐ Allow NCs to have a stand outside of the polling place within 100 feet perimeter and provide snacks and refreshments to voters
- ☐ Mark what will be public record on each form
- ☐ Provide the option to opt in or opt out for information to be released for public record
- ☐ Improve ballot design (Write-In part of the ballot)
- ☐ More signage at the polls
- ☐ Polling place set up should be downsized
- ☐ Customize set up based on the voter turnout
- ☐ Candidate statements should be announced at the polling place or should be placed by the entrance where everyone can see them
- ☐ Surveys should be published prior to Election Day
- ☐ NC booths should be set up outside of the polling place
- ☐ Forms need to be given to NC for distribution
- ☐ Give draft of EPs to NC with enough time to review

Post Election and Board Transition

- ☐ Tally ballots at the polling place right after election and issue unofficial results that same day
- ☐ Tally results per NC not by region
- ☐ Notify incoming board members of the policies
- ☐ Registration forms should be archived until next election cycle
- ☐ Do not destroy records until the next election
- ☐ Shouldn't give registration forms to NCs
- ☐ Notify NCs about opportunity to collect materials
- ☐ More clarification on when the board should be seated
- ☐ City Clerk should notify each candidate to let them know if they won or not
- ☐ City Clerk should notify NC when the election has been certified



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- ☐ Notify NCs when the City Clerk will present the After Action Report to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee
- ☐ Notify NCs when the NC Election Development Group will reconvene

NC's Implementing Their Own Elections

- ☐ NCs should implement their own elections
- ☐ City Clerk can run the elections for less money and updated processes
- ☐ City Clerk running elections is too rigid and too costly
- ☐ Allow DONE to take over NC elections
- ☐ NCs need to have a budget to run their own elections
- ☐ NCs should choose who should run their election
- ☐ Establish an online system for voting
- ☐ City Clerk should function as an Independent Election Administrator (IEA)
- ☐ Need to clarify role of an IEA