

DEADLINES TO PLACE CITIZEN-SPONSORED INITIATIVES (ONLY) ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT*

DATE	ACTION
3/24/26 ¹ Wednesday	Recommended last day for proponents to file Initiative Ordinance Petitions in order to enable submittal at the General Municipal Election [Charter Section 451(b)]. Following Final Acceptance of filing, the City Clerk has 30 calendar days to examine all signatures submitted and determine whether the petition contains the required number of valid signatures. Alternatively, the City Clerk may, within 15 days of Final Acceptance, use a random sampling technique to either clearly qualify or disqualify the petition. If found inconclusive, the City Clerk has an additional 30 calendar days to examine all signatures. [Election Code Section 711]. Proponents may withdraw the petition any time before the City Council takes action. [Election Code Section 711(d)]. See below.
(dependent on verification process)	The City Council has 20 days after the City Clerk’s certification to take one of the following actions: adopt the proposed ordinance; determine to submit the proposed ordinance to a vote of the electors at either a special election, the next regular City election, or the next Statewide election to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition; or refer the proposed ordinance to a department or office for a report on its fiscal and other impacts, provided that the Council takes one of the above actions within 30 days after referring the proposed ordinance for a report [Charter Section 452(b)].
7/31/26 Friday	Last day for Council to approve ballot order and designation [Election Code Section 603(a)– min. 95 days before election].
8/10/26 Monday	Last day to file ballot arguments with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 605(e) – min. 85 days before election].
8/20/26 Thursday	Last day to file rebuttal arguments with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 605(e) – min. 75 days before election].
8/25/26 Tuesday	Last day for Chief Legislative Analyst to file ballot measure Impartial Summaries with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 604(a) – min. 70 days before election]. Last day for City Administrative Officer to file ballot measure Financial Impact Statements with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 604(b) – min. 70 days before election].
8/31/26 Monday	Last day for Ballot Simplification Committee to file a Ballot Summary for each measure with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 405 – min. 64 days before election].
9/04/26 Friday	Last day for Council to approve or disapprove Ballot Summaries (if no action by this date, summaries are automatically approved) [Election Code Section 405 – min. 60 days before election].

* Dates based on tentative 2025-26 Council Recess Schedule

¹ Failure to meet this date does not necessarily mean that the measure cannot be placed on the ballot, but rather, that if this date is not met, other processes may preclude the measure from placement on the ballot. It is also possible that such a measure may be placed on an intervening special election if called by Council action.

**DEADLINES TO PLACE COUNCIL-SPONSORED BALLOT MEASURE (ONLY)
ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT***

DATE	ACTION
6/17/26 ¹ Wednesday	Last day for Council to adopt motion requesting the City Attorney to prepare resolutions to place a proposed measure on the ballot [Election Code Section 601(a) – min. 125 days before election].
6/26/26 ² Friday	Last day for Council to adopt all resolutions placing proposed measures on the ballot [Election Code Section 601(b) – min. 110 days before election].
7/31/26 Friday	Last day for Council to approve ballot order and designation [Election Code Section 603(a)– min. 95 days before election].
8/07/26 Friday	Last day for Council to request consolidation with State General Election [California Elections Code 10403 – min. 88 days before election]. Last day for City Administrative Officer to submit Tax Rate Statements for bond measures [California Elections Code Section 9401].
8/10/26 Monday	Last day to file ballot arguments with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 605(e) – min. 85 days before election].
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¹ The legal deadline is Wednesday, July 1, 2026, which is a tentative Council Recess date. In order to provide the City Attorney enough time to draft any resolutions, it is recommended that Council adopt this motion on June 17, 2026, 140 days before Election Day.

² The legal deadline of E-110 falls on an anticipated Council Recess day (7/16/2026); therefore, the deadline is moved up to the Friday preceding the anticipated Council Recess. Resolutions of Necessity for bond measures must be adopted at the meeting before the final election resolutions.