

**Background**

The following represents a brief description of each of the recommended changes to Election Code sections:

Nominating Petitions (Sec. 307)

This amendment makes a technical revision to the directions that petition circulators must follow. This amendment also adds a declaration to each petition section that circulators must sign.

Nominating Petitions - Filing and Verification (Sec. 310)

This amendment removes the option for the City Clerk to use other means to verify a petition circulator's residency.

Validation and Challenges of Ballots (Sec. 1016)

This amendment would permit vote-by-mail voters who forget to sign their ballot return envelope up to the eight days after Election Day to sign the envelope at the City's Election Headquarters or submit a signed statement that he or she returned an unsigned return envelope. Voters may submit this signed statement at the polls on Election Day.