Elections Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2016
6:00 p.m.

City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

Order of Business

1. Call to Order & Roll Call.

2. General Public Comment
   Public comment on any issue within the Elections Commission’s general jurisdiction unless otherwise included in an item on this agenda.

3. Commissioners’ Reports
   Meetings with public officials; oversight and observation activities; long-range planning for Commission activities and areas of study; proposed legislation that affects elections; announcements.

4. Director’s Report
   The Director will update the Commission on departmental activities.

5. Internet Voting
   Discussion and possible action regarding internet voting. Invited speakers: Mr. Jim Soper, Voting Rights Task Force; Dr. Barbara Simons, IBM Research (retired). (Attachments: Barbara Simons bio.; David Jefferson article: “If I Can Shop and Bank Online, Why Can’t I Vote Online?”)

6. June 7, 2016 Election Plan
   Discussion and possible action regarding the Election Plan for the June 7, 2016 election. (Attachment: Election Plan, with appendices A-C.)

7. City Employee Waiver
   Discussion and possible action regarding a City employee waiver for the June 7, 2016 election pursuant to section 13.104.5 of the San Francisco Charter. (Attachment: waiver memo.)
8. Future Agendas
Discussion and possible action regarding items for future agendas.

9. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Director of Elections John Arntz
Discussion and possible action regarding the process for evaluating the performance of the Director of Elections. (Attachment: Feb. 18, 2015 Guidelines for Evaluation of Director of Elections)

10. Adjournment
There will be an opportunity for public comment on each agenda item.

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