



## Memorandum

**To:** Elections Commission  
**From:** John Arntz, Director  
**Date:** June 10, 2022  
**RE:** Director's Report: June 15, 2022, Elections Commission Meeting

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Following is a brief listing of the work and related information in which the Department of Elections (Department) has been engaged since the previous report issued in relation to the Elections Commission meeting on May 18, 2022.

**I. The Department conducted the June 7, 2022 election and is now working on post-election activities.**

- A. On Election Day, June 7, the Department complied with all applicable elections law, completed all operations as planned, made registration and voting services available during voting hours, and safely collected elections results after the close of the polls. Despite the fact that nearly 100 poll workers were absent on Election Morning due to health-related reasons, the Department was able to fill vacant poll worker positions by executing its contingency plan that included a dispatch of standby poll workers from City Hall and relocation of poll workers from sites with additional poll workers. In short, 2022's third of four elections went well from both administrative and voter service perspectives.
- B. Between June 7 and June 10, the Department issued six multi-format preliminary election results reports, along with daily press releases, all of which were also posted online at [selections.org](http://selections.org). Going forward, the Department will continue to release updated results reports daily at 4 p.m. every day on which ballots are counted.
- C. Department staff continue to process ballots timely returned by voters, including provisional (PV) ballots cast at the polls and VBM ballots returned on Election Day or postmarked by Election Day and received in the mail by June 14.
- D. As of this writing, the Department has processed nearly 208,000 VBM ballots, accepting approximately 206,000 and challenging approximately 2,000. In accordance with state law, the Department has only challenged VBM ballots in cases where 1) the ballot envelope was not signed, 2) the signature on the ballot envelope did not compare to any on file, 3) the voter already voted in the election (e.g., at a polling place), 4) the ballot return envelope contained no ballot, 5) the ballot envelope contained multiple ballots but only one signature, or 6) the ballot envelope was postmarked/returned late.
- E. Currently, 450 voters have cured their challenged VBM ballots for the June 7 election. When a challenge was curable (e.g., a mismatching signature), the Department has attempted to contact the voter within 24 hours via all available methods, including the Voter Portal, a postal notice, an email message, and/or a phone call. Going forward, if a voter responds to a curable challenge notice by curing the challenge no later than two days before certification, the Department will update the voter's record (e.g., with a new signature), and count the ballot.
- F. The Department has already processed nearly 2,900 PV ballots, accepting approximately 2,800 and challenging approximately 100; the remaining PV ballots are currently being reviewed. Challenge reasons, cure procedures, and cure timelines for signature issues on PV ballots parallel those for VBM ballots.

- G. The Department has been retrieving voting equipment from polling places and returning it to the warehouse on Pier 31, where the equipment is being scanned into the Department's inventory system, inspected, and securely stored.
- H. The Department has begun processing stipends for the nearly 2,000 poll workers and 588 polling place providers, and expects to complete this process and issue election stipend checks sometime in the week of June 20.
- I. Per state elections law, the Department must complete the Official Canvass and 1% manual ballot tally to verify the accuracy of the voting system. Random precinct selection for the manual ballot tally will occur on Tuesday, June 14, and the tally will commence on Thursday, June 16, with both activities open to public observation. The Department expects to complete the Official Canvass and certify the election results sometime in the week of June 20.

**II. The Department continues to execute several on-going budgetary, human resources, and procurement tasks.**

- A. The Department has been providing information regarding its FY2022-23 and FY2023-24 budget proposals to the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Legislative Analyst in conformance with the City's budgetary process standards and timelines. The Department will present its proposed budgets at the first Budget and Finance Committee Hearing on June 15 and will attend the second Budget and Finance Committee Hearing on June 22.
- B. The Department has been preparing for the end of the 2022 fiscal year; this preparation involves the completion of various accounting and payroll transactions, such as final billing, closing outstanding purchase orders, reconciling expenses and revenues, and processing the release paperwork of temporary personnel hired for the June 7 election.

**III. The Department continues to facilitate candidate and measure filings for the November 8, 2022 election.**

- A. May 20 marked the opening of the period during which any Board of Supervisors candidates running in the November 8 election could file nomination documents. The Department will continue to accept such documents until 5 p.m. on June 14. Following this period, any such materials submitted will be subject to a 10-day public examination period.
- B. May 19 marked the opening of the period in which any Assessor-Recorder, Public Defender, Community College Board, or Board of Education candidates running in the November 8 election who wish to partially or completely offset the cost of nomination filings could submit signatures-in-lieu of filing fees petitions. The Department will continue to accept such documents until 5 p.m. on July 13.
- C. Beginning June 21, the Department will begin facilitating the intake of November 8 election ballot measure paperwork. These measures may be submitted to the Department by the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, four or members of the Board, by voters through the initiative petition process, or certain other agencies including the Board of Education or BART Board. Ballot measure paperwork submission deadlines vary, with most falling in July and early August.

**IV. The Department is rolling out several strategies to inform the public about new supervisorial district lines.**

- A. The Department developed a new presentation, entitled "**2022 Voting District Map Changes**", and posted it on *sfelections.org*. This presentation discusses recent state and local redistricting changes in San Francisco, and takes a closer look at why, how, and when those changes will be going into effect.

- B. The Department developed a new Frequently Asked Questions style brochure, entitled “**New Voting District Lines**”, and posted it on [sfelections.org](https://sfelections.org). This brochure provides information and resources about redistricting.
- C. The Department posted a new online tool at: [sfelections.org/myvotingdistrict](https://sfelections.org/myvotingdistrict) to allow voters to look up their voting districts. To use the tool, voters simply enter their house number, street name, street type, and zip code. Based on the details entered, the tool shows each voter’s “old” 2011 Voting Districts as well as their “new” 2022 voting districts. From here, voters can also navigate to pages about citywide voting district maps or current representatives.
- D. To help members of the public visualize the differences between San Francisco’s old and new Supervisorial District voting boundary lines, the Department created and posted a series of detailed maps at: [sfelections.sfgov.org/maps](https://sfelections.sfgov.org/maps).
- E. The Department is disseminating information on these redistricting tools to members of local communities through its nearly 300 outreach partners, through its 10 grant outreach partnerships, and via various outreach events.
- F. The Department will mail a multilingual notice to all of San Francisco’s approximately 380,000 households in early August. Each notice will provide Supervisorial District information corresponding to the address to which the notice was mailed and will encourage recipients to review their voting district information and new maps on [sfelections.org](https://sfelections.org).
- G. The Department will develop a Public Service Announcement about redistricting in English, Chinese, Spanish and Filipino to be broadcast on local radio and TV stations in August and September. The Department will also produce multilingual printed ads to appear in citywide and neighborhood newspapers during the same months.
- H. The Department will include information about the new supervisorial district lines in its November 8 Voter Information Pamphlet as well as in the vote-by-mail ballot packet to be sent to each locally registered voter in early October.

**V. The Department is in compliance with SOS Memorandum # 22131 regarding a CISA advisory.**

- A. In relation to litigation in Georgia, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) recently released an advisory regarding the ImageCast X (ICX) of the Dominion Democracy Suite Voting System *Version 5.5A*. The advisory identified nine potential vulnerabilities for this version of Dominion’s ICX. The advisory can be viewed at <https://www.cisa.gov/uscert/ics/advisories/icsa-22-154-01>. The advisory indicated that while potential vulnerabilities exist on this version of the ICX, “CISA has no evidence that these vulnerabilities have been exploited in any elections.”
- B. Generally, the ICX is a device that allows voters to cast their votes using a touch-screen interface. The ICX also supports the use of assistive devices, audio ballots, and can be prepared to provide ballot content in multiple languages. However, Dominion has developed and implemented different models of the ICX during the previous several years and not all jurisdictions use the model that CISA considered.
- C. In California, counties (including San Francisco) use an ICX model that is a component of Dominion’s system version 5.10A. Also, the California Secretary of State (SOS) has reviewed and certified the ICX model used with version 5.10A for implementation in the state.

- D. The SOS issued a memorandum indicating that seven of the nine potential vulnerabilities referenced in the CISA advisory “are not resident on version 5.10A or they have already been identified by us through our testing and mitigations are in place.” The SOS’ Memorandum # 22131 can be viewed at:  
<https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ccrov/2022/june/22131sl.pdf>.
- E. The ICX model included in the Georgia lawsuit allowed voters to directly cast votes while using the device. The model does not create a paper ballot that lists voters’ selections. Instead, this ICX model provides an audit trail which is essentially a receipt tape that is attached to the side of the that version of the ICX to provide voters with a method to review their selections. Voters would need to vote using the touchscreen interface or assistive tools, and then review their selections on the attached receipt tape.
- F. In contrast, the ICX model certified in California does not allow for voters to directly cast their ballots when using the device. Instead, the ICX model the SOS has certified for use in California facilitates the marking of ballots using the touch screen interface or assistive tools. After voters mark their ballots, a connected printer will generate a paper ballot that lists voters’ choices. This printed ballot must then be inserted into a scanner before any votes are tabulated.