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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Election Results and Effective Dates of Approved Ballot Measures

In this memorandum, we summarize the process for the City to declare election results for local ballot measures and the dates measures approved by the voters in the June 2, 2026 election will become effective (that is, the date the measures will "go on the books" as law).

The effective dates that we identify are estimates; further action that the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") and the Secretary of State must take will determine the actual effective dates of those measures. as we describe below.

Interested third parties should not rely on this memorandum regarding effective dates for particular measures as a substitute for consulting with their own attorneys.

Final Election Results

- California Elections Code section 15372 requires the Department of Elections ("the Department") to complete the final official canvass of votes and to certify the election within 30 days after the election. Cal. Elec. Code § 15372. The Department submits the certified results to the Board, which must then adopt a resolution declaring the results of the election. *Id.* at §§ 9269, 15400. On June 25, 2026, the Department certified the results of the June 2, 2026, election. We anticipate that the Board will approve a resolution declaring the results of this election at its meeting on June 30, 2026.

Effective Date of Ballot Measures

- *Charter amendments* – After the Board declares the election results, the Director of Elections must submit to the Secretary of State a copy of any Charter amendment adopted by the voters. Cal. Elec. Code § 9269. The amendment becomes effective when the Secretary of State accepts and files it. S.F. Mun. Elec. Code § 380; Cal. Gov. Code §§ 34459, 34460. In the past, the Secretary of State has accepted and filed adopted Charter amendments within approximately 30 days of submission by the City.

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- *Local initiative ordinances (including local bond measures)* – Unless the text of the measure provides otherwise, local ordinances adopted by the voters go into effect 10 days after the Board declares the results of the election. S.F. Mun. Elec. Code § 380; Cal. Elec. Code §§ 9122, 9217. Assuming the Board declares the results of this election on June 30, 2026, the General Obligation Bond Measure adopted at this election will become effective on July 10, 2026.

June 2, 2026, Local Measures

General Obligation Bond Measure

A: Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond
- Effective 10 days after the Board declares the election results.

Charter Amendment

B: Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors
- Effective when the Secretary of State files the Charter Amendment.