



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Election Code Committee

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SUBJECT

Review of priorities set by the Election Code Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since beginning its work following the April 2021 Municipal Election, the Election Code Committee has met 13 times. Beginning with its first meeting, the Committee established seven main topics of discussion and their priority for addressing. The Committee has made substantial progress on the first four of these priorities. At this time, it is appropriate to identify what additional work, if any, the committee wishes to pursue ahead of the next municipal election, currently scheduled to occur in April of 2023.

GENERAL DIRECTION SOUGHT AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

1. What is the Committee's intent relating to any continuing meetings in the current term?
2. Are there priorities the Committee intends for staff to continue working on at this time?

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

These are the priorities identified by the Committee at the outset of this term:

Main Topics of Discussion in Priority Order

1. Redistricting
2. Campaign Finance Provisions
3. November Elections
4. RCV
5. Public Financing of Elections
6. Election Oversight Board
7. Partisan/Non-Partisan Elections

Work on these items has been occurring since mid-2021 with the current composition of the Election Code Committee, with substantial action occurring on the first four priorities. The Committee also heard focused presentations on priority 5, the public financing of elections.

The passage by Fort Collins voters in November of 2022 of either of the ballot questions relating to the administration of municipal elections may require further work by this Committee. Implementation steps may include the need for code changes that would be properly vetted by this committee.