

2025 Coordinated Election and Campaign Oversight

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- **2022 Election**

- Voters approved moving regular elections to November and coordinating with Larimer County
 - ✓ 76% of voters in favor
- Voters approved Ranked Voting for Mayor and Councilmember races
 - ✓ 58% of voters in favor

- **IGA with Larimer County Required**

- Required by State statute; standard requirement we have done multiple times
- Sets out roles and responsibilities for both entities
- 2nd Coordinated Regular November Election (2023 was the first)
- Biggest difference – ranked voting!



2025 Ballot

- **Council Races**

- Mayor
- Councilmembers for Districts 1, 3 and 5

Will have ranked voting for any race with three or more candidates.

- **Charter Amendments**

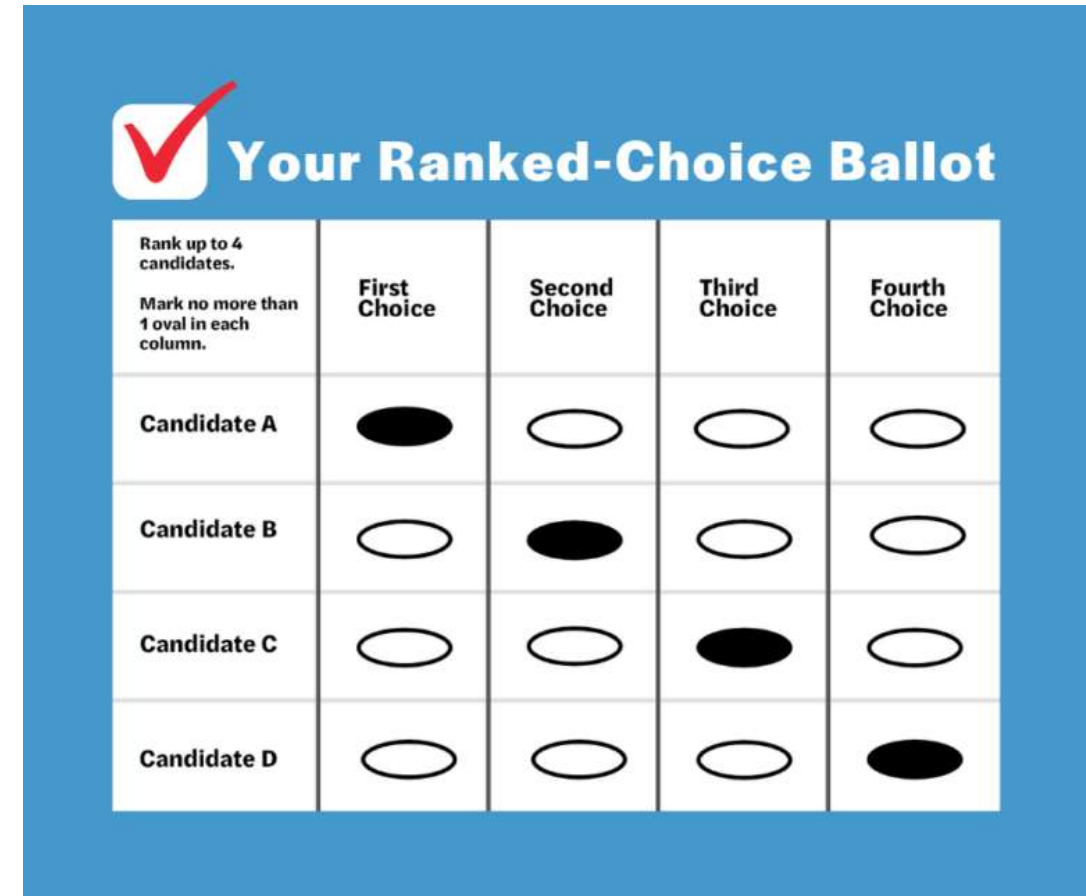
- 4-6 expected

- **TABOR Question**

- Expecting at least one

- **Citizen Initiative**

- Expecting at least one





Proposed Outside Service Provider:

- Impartial
- Would work under the guidance of the City Clerk and City Attorney
- Would provide proactive review of campaign finance submissions
- Would assist with related investigation of potential violations



Election Code Committee:

- Recommended moving forward with an outside service provider as a first step in enhancing oversight of election filings.

Proactive review of Campaign Finance Reporting and Related Compliance

- Ensure numbers make sense (starting and ending balances).
- Ensure timeliness of filing and follow up on missing reports.
- Ensure contributions are within limits.
- Ensure contributions are given by allowed donors.
- Make periodic checks of donations made to ensure accuracy of information reported.
- Ensure all contributions meet City code requirements.
- Ensure revised reports are filed to address issues found.
- Work with Candidates and Committees to get voluntary compliance.
- If needed, report unresolved issues to City Clerk staff for enforcement.



Questions?



Backup Slides

Proactive review of Campaign Finance Reports

- 9 reports due per committee
- If we have 12 candidates and 3 committees:
 - 135 reports to be reviewed
 - @ 3 hours each = 405 hours (recognize that some will take longer due to investigation and follow-up, and some will take less time).
 - \$100/hour
- \$40,500
- Additional funding might be required if proactive work outside of campaign finance is desired

Potential additional items the provider could assist with if there are monies available:

- Periodically ask for samples of materials to check for “paid for by” requirements.
- Periodically look at election-related Facebook pages to check for “paid for by” requirements.
- Periodically check election signs to check for “paid for by” requirements.
- Pursue checks on potential issues reported such as text messages with no “paid for by” information added.