

Options for Election Date Change

Moving the City's Municipal Elections to an Even-Numbered Year

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Responses

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July 12, 2016, 5:19 PM

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Option 2, extend the terms of current Councilpersons.

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Gary Osterhout inside City Limits

July 10, 2016, 6:31 PM

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Option 3. There is a reason that we want our elections away from the general election, to remove national/state/county politics from our selection processes. Those building campaign organizations for the non-local offices could then easily also then run their own city council candidates with non-local agendas. With a couple bad exceptions, M.B. has been relatively free of partisan politics.

I don't like that Option 1 will advance the next election such that candidate filings would seem to be required by the beginning of August, just a few weeks away. It disturbs me that the City has known of this change but has not acted until the last minute, which might catch a likely candidates unaware.

Wait, and get the legislation overturned. There are known practical and proven ways to increase voter participation in local elections and in civic life in general, but M.B. councils never seem to want to explore those techniques.

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July 7, 2016, 6:49 PM

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1) Decrease the term starting in March 2017 by three months (March of an odd year, to the prior November of an even year).

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Jacob Rome inside City Limits

July 6, 2016, 8:56 PM

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Voter turnout in general elections, November of even numbered years, is really phenomenal. It's something that 90% of registered to vote turned out during the historic 2008 election; 2014 had the lowest voter turnout of the past 4 elections, and it was still near 50%. Rates hovering near 20% during city elections are a stark contrast.

It seems obvious that low voter turnout is a massive problem for city council elections, and the obvious solution is to move the election to November of even numbered years, and the sooner the better. That's why I support holding city elections in November 2016, with induction delayed until the normal swearing in time. That city council term would be abbreviated by 3 months, staying on target for the next election in November 2018 with induction soon after that.

Manhattan Beach should lead the way in promoting participatory democracy. What a great message it will send to young people that this city could quadruple voter turnout in a single election cycle. Holding the election in November 2016 will bring in a wave of new voters, and thus ensure our elected City Council better represents our city.

Looking forward to voting for my next city council people in 4 short months at the same time I vote for the next President. Perfect!

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July 6, 2016, 4:05 PM

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Todd Dipaola sent out a mass email mailing urging everyone to vote for a November 2016 election. I don't like being told how to think. I feel 2016 year is not enough time and it will favor incumbents and discourage new candidates. That is not democracy. I believe option 2 (term extension) is the best choice. That will allow the current, experienced City Council to complete their work and allow new candidates time to learn about city government, get name recognition and campaign.

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Tami Zamrazil inside City Limits

June 25, 2016, 4:08 PM

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Option 1: hold council elections in November 2016 and new council members will have a shortened term. I prefer this choice because it allows us to implement the changes immediately, with maximum voter turnout and minimum cost, without disrupting the current council members' terms.

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Don Trucker inside City Limits

June 24, 2016, 10:30 AM

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Hold our council election in November 2016 during the presidential election. Inaugurate the new council members in March after the 3 expiring terms finish. This results in a 4 month shorter term for newly elected members. That way council members serve term lengths known to the voters, and very importantly, we get on cycle as soon as possible. Thanks, D. Trucker

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Janice Champion inside City Limits

June 24, 2016, 6:12 AM

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I prefer option #1, "Decrease the term starting in March 2017 by 3 months..." It seems the easiest, fastest and least disruptive option.

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Todd Dipaola inside City Limits

June 24, 2016, 12:15 AM

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I'm on the board of common cause, who sponsored this legislation to ensure cities are responsive to their voters. Manhattan Beach's turnout demonstrates that our city is very active in voting on normal days but uninterested in off cycle elections. We should act swiftly to remedy this.

We should hold our council election at the same time at this Presidential election in November 2016. Wait 4 months until inauguration of the new councilmembers. Then new council will have a 4 month shorter term when elected into a transition term and current council can serve a full term.

This proposal allows immediate changes for voter participation while giving each council member the full term the voters elected them to serve.

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Steven Kleiner inside City Limits

June 23, 2016, 9:06 PM

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Option 3, and I recommend joining the petition to modify or repeal SB 415.

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June 23, 2016, 7:07 PM

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Option A

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Dan Stern inside City Limits

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Move to general election in November. Minimal cost, maximum participation.