

DEADLINES TO PLACE CITIZEN-SPONSORED INITIATIVES (ONLY) ON JUNE 2, 2026 PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION BALLOT*

DATE	ACTION
11/19/25 ¹ Wednesday	<p>Recommended last day for proponents to file Initiative Ordinance Petitions in order to enable submittal at the Statewide Direct Primary Election [Charter Section 451(b)].</p> <p>Following Final Acceptance of filing, the City has 30 calendar days to examine all signatures submitted and determine whether the petition contains the required number of valid signatures. Alternatively, the City may, within 15 days of Final Acceptance, use a random sampling technique to either clearly qualify or disqualify the petition. If found inconclusive, the City has an additional 30 calendar days to examine all signatures. [Election Code Section 711]. Proponents may withdraw the petition any time before the City Council takes action. [Election Code Section 711(d)]. See below.</p>
(dependent on verification process)	The City Council has 20 days after the City Clerk's certification to take one of the following actions: adopt the proposed ordinance; determine to submit the proposed ordinance to a vote of the electors at either a special election, the next regular City election, or the next Statewide election to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition; or refer the proposed ordinance to a department or office for a report on its fiscal and other impacts, provided that the Council takes one of the above actions within 30 days after referring the proposed ordinance for a report [Charter Section 452(b)].
2/27/26 Friday	Last day for Council to approve ballot order and designation [Election Code Section 603(a)– min. 95 days before election].
3/09/26 Monday	Last day to file ballot arguments with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 605(e) – min. 85 days before election].
3/19/26 Thursday	Last day to file rebuttal arguments with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 605(e) – min. 75 days before election].
3/23/26 ² Monday	Last day for Ballot Simplification Committee to file a Ballot Summary for each measure with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 405 – min. 64 days before election].
3/24/26 Tuesday	<p>Last day for Chief Legislative Analyst to file ballot measure Impartial Summaries with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 604(a) – min. 70 days before election].</p> <p>Last day for City Administrative Officer to file ballot measure Financial Impact Statements with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 604(b) – min. 70 days before election].</p>
3/27/26 ² Friday	Last day for Council to approve or disapprove Ballot Summaries (if no action by this date, summaries are automatically approved) [Election Code Section 405 – min. 60 days before election].

* Dates based on tentative 2025-26 Council Recess Schedule

¹ Failure to meet this date does not necessarily mean that the measure cannot be placed on the ballot, but rather, that if this date is not met, other processes may preclude the measure from placement on the ballot. It is also possible that such a measure may be placed on an intervening special election if called by Council action.

² The legal deadlines of E-64 and E-60 fall on a Holiday (3/30/2026) and during Council Recess, respectively; therefore, the deadlines are moved up to the preceding Monday and Friday ahead Council Recess days.

DEADLINES TO PLACE COUNCIL-SPONSORED BALLOT MEASURE (ONLY) ON JUNE 2, 2026 PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION BALLOT*

DATE	ACTION
1/28/26 Wednesday	Last day for Council to adopt motion requesting the City Attorney to prepare resolutions to place a proposed measure on the ballot [Election Code Section 601(a) – min. 125 days before election].
2/11/26 ¹ Wednesday	Last day for Council to adopt all resolutions placing proposed measures on the ballot [Election Code Section 601(b) – min. 110 days before election].
2/27/26 Friday	Last day for Council to approve ballot order and designation [Election Code Section 603(a)– min. 95 days before election].
3/06/26 Friday	Last day for Council to request consolidation with State Primary Election [California Elections Code 10403 – min. 88 days before election]. Last day for City Administrative Officer to submit Tax Rate Statements for bond measures [California Elections Code Section 9401].
3/09/26 Monday	Last day to file ballot arguments with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 605(e) – min. 85 days before election].
3/19/26 Thursday	Last day to file rebuttal arguments with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 605(e) – min. 75 days before election].
3/23/26 ² Monday	Last day for Ballot Simplification Committee to file a Ballot Summary for each measure with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 405 – min. 64 days before election].
3/24/26 Tuesday	Last day for Chief Legislative Analyst to file ballot measure Impartial Summaries with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 604(a) – min. 70 days before election]. Last day for City Administrative Officer to file ballot measure Financial Impact Statements with the City Clerk [Election Code Section 604(b) – min. 70 days before election].
3/27/26 ² Friday	Last day for Council to approve or disapprove Ballot Summaries (if no action by this date, summaries are automatically approved) [Election Code Section 405 – min. 60 days before election].

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¹ The legal deadline of E-110 falls on a date that the City Council does not meet (Thursday, 2/12/26). Therefore, the deadline is moved up to the Wednesday (2/11/26) preceding legal deadline. Resolutions of Necessity for bond measures must be adopted at the meeting before the final election resolutions.

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