

Fort Collins City Council Election Code Committee Agenda

Special Meeting

12 p.m., Friday, January 13, 2023

CIC Conference Room at City Hall, 300 Laporte Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80521

Zoom Webinar link: <https://fcgov.zoom.us/j/93910757534>

Committee Members:

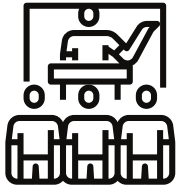
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Jeni Arndt, Mayor, Vice-Chair
Kelly Ohlson, District 5
Julie Pignataro, District 2, alternate

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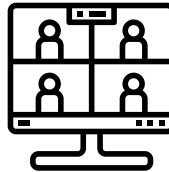
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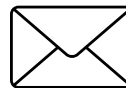
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2021-2022

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

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Election Code Committee

January 13, 2023 – 12:00 PM

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Remote Participation Available

- A) Call Meeting to Order**
- B) Roll Call**
- C) Public Participation**
- D) Public Participation Follow-up**
- E) Discussion / Informational Items**

1. Planning for Transitioning to November Elections.

At this stage, staff has begun the process of evaluating what work will be necessary as a result of the approved Charter changes. There are potential Code changes to be considered, including to candidate filing timelines, that will need Council action. Some of these actions have a dependency on finalizing plans for either conducting a coordinated election in November with Larimer County or pursuing the City conducting its own election. This is a critical initial decision point.

2. Planning Future Work for the Election Code Committee on Committee Priorities and Other Election Topics.

The Election Code Committee began its work in the current term following the April 2021 Municipal Election. At its last meeting prior to the November special election that included three City ballot questions, the Committee agreed to reconvene after that election to plan for any necessary additional work.

In its discussions at the December 2022 committee meeting, members reviewed the original priorities that had been identified at the outset of the current term:

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Substantial work has occurred on the first four priorities during the first 18 months of the committee's current term. Committee members identified an interest in exploring further action on the public financing of elections priority. There is also an outstanding need to do some additional work on ongoing provisions relating to redistricting based on how that process occurred in 2022. There is an opportunity for the Committee to provide guidance to staff in laying out expectations for some potential paths for work in these areas to continue.

Before the Committee concludes its work for the current term, staff is looking to ensure an understanding of any other scopes of work that are of interest. This includes additional code changes as well as potential ballot questions, particularly Charter amendments, there is interest in having staff work on to be ready for a future election.

F) Review of Upcoming Calendar

G) Other Business

H) Adjournment

Next Scheduled Committee Meeting: 12:00 PM, February 17, 2022

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