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# REPORT

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To The Honorable Mayor And City Council

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 1998

REPORT NUMBER: 98-11

SUBJECT: FUTURE ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

**THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED.**

This report is to provide you with the schedule for future City elections. Also included is information on the cost of a stand-alone special election should the Council wish to submit ballot measures to the voters at a date other than the established election dates.

### Future Election Dates

**March 2, 1999**--The Library Authority has called a special countywide election for March 2, 1999. If the Council chooses to call a municipal election to place measures before the voters on March 2, all materials must be submitted to the Registrar of Voters by December 4, 1998 (see City Clerk's memo dated October 22 for more details on the timeline and costs associated with this election).

**March 7, 2000**--The governor recently signed into law legislation to move the California presidential primary and direct primary elections to the first Tuesday in March. The first elections under the new law are the combined presidential and direct primaries now scheduled for March 7, 2000. A 1992 change to the City Charter consolidates City elections with the statewide primary elections and statewide general elections. Thus, the municipal primary election will also be held on March 7. The primary will include the elections for Mayor, City Attorney and Council members in Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7. The City Council may also place measures before the voters for their consideration at that election.

**November 7, 2000**--The statewide general election, and thus, the general municipal election, is scheduled to be held on November 7, 2000. Any run-off elections for

Mayor, City Attorney, or Council district office would be held at that time. The City Council may also place measures before the voters for their consideration at that election.

**March 5, 2002**--The statewide primary election will be held on March 5 in the year 2002. Our municipal primary election for Council districts 2, 4, 6 & 8 will be consolidated with that election. The City Council may also place measures before the voters for their consideration at that election.

**November 5, 2002**--The statewide general election will be held on November 5. Any run-off elections for the council district seats will be consolidated with that election. The City Council may also place measures before the voters for their consideration at that election.

Attached for your information is an overview of the nomination processing dates for all City offices through the year 2008.

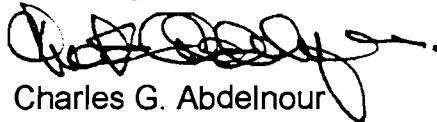
#### Cost of a City Special Election

Should the City Council wish to place measures before the voters at a date different from those listed above, a special election could be called. The estimated cost of such an election is currently \$1.2 million. Any number of measures could be placed on the ballot. In general, the Registrar of Voters prefers a minimum of 88 days to organize a city-wide election.

By way of comparison, with the California open primary system now in place, we estimate that proposals placed on the ballot as part of either a statewide primary or statewide general election would currently cost between \$65,000 and \$75,000, depending on the number of other jurisdictions participating in the election.

Should you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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## ELECTION ACTIVITY CALENDAR CITY OF SAN DIEGO REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Date to Begin Term of Office</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Day to Obtain Papers</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Day to File Papers</u>	<u>Last Day to File Papers</u>	<u>Offices Subject to Election</u>
2000	3/7/00	11/7/00	12/4/00	11/10/99	11/18/99	12/9/99	Mayor, City Attorney, Districts 1, 3, 5, 7
2002	3/5/02	11/5/02	12/2/02	11/7/01	11/15/01	12/5/01	Districts 2, 4, 6, 8
2004	3/2/04	11/2/04	12/6/04	11/5/03	11/13/03	12/4/03	Mayor, City Attorney, Districts 1, 3, 5, 7
2006	3/7/06	11/7/06	12/4/06	11/9/05	11/17/05	12/8/05	Districts 2, 4, 6, 8
2008	3/4/08	11/4/08	12/8/08	11/7/07	11/15/07	12/6/07	Mayor, City Attorney, Districts 1, 3, 5, 7