

What's the Difference Between Neighborhood Council Elections and Selections?

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Primary Election Administrator	The Office of the City Clerk	Neutral Third Party approved and vetted by Neighborhood Council
Election Timeline	Neighborhood Councils follow the regional election timeline published by the Office of the City Clerk.	Neighborhood Councils approve the date of their selection and create their own timeline following the Department-recommended "Timeline for Selection Process"
Tools and Resources Available for Outreach	<p>The Office of the City Clerk and EmpowerLA will be creating templates, resources, and tools to support elections outreach</p> <p>Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to supplement outreach efforts in their neighborhood</p>	Neighborhood Councils are responsible for creating outreach materials to promote their selection process
Responsibility to Create Process Manual	The Office of the City Clerk	Neighborhood Council or the Department Standard Selection Process
Candidate Filing	Completed through the Office of the City Clerk's portal and managed by the Office of the City Clerk	Completed through Neighborhood Council-developed application and managed by Neighborhood Council
Voter Registration	Completed through the Office of the City	Completed on the day of selection and

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	Clerk's portal and managed by the Office of the City Clerk	managed by Neutral Third Party
Responsibility for Expenses Incurred	<p>The Office of the City Clerk is responsible for election administration expenses incurred</p> <p>EmpowerLA and the Neighborhood Council both fund election outreach expenses incurred to promote the election</p>	Neighborhood Council is responsible for all selection-related expenses incurred
Candidate Documentation Requirements	<p>Documentation requirements will be based on the board seat eligibility. The Office of the City Clerk provides the NC Election Documentation Guide to provide examples of documents.</p> <p>Documents verified by the Office of the City Clerk</p>	<p>Documentation requirements will be based on the board seat eligibility. The Office of the City Clerk provides the NC Election Documentation Guide to provide examples of documents.</p> <p>Documents verified by the Neutral Third Party</p>
Verifying Stakeholder Status (Voters)	<p>Stakeholder Verifications will depend on the NC bylaws if its documentation or self-affirmation.</p> <p>The Office of the City Clerk will take this responsibility</p>	<p>Stakeholder Verifications will depend on the NC bylaws if it is documentation or self-affirmation.</p> <p>The Neutral Third Party will take this responsibility</p>
Voter Experience	Voting takes place on a ballot delivered via USPS mail from the Office of the City Clerk	Voting takes place in person at a town hall style meeting within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council

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	All votes are private and anonymous	Votes are not private or anonymous – names/serial number matched to registration form must be included on their ballot
Election Certification	Conducted by the Office of the City Clerk	Conducted by the Neutral Third Party
Election Location	<p>As an all vote by mail election, ballots will be returned via USPS mail or ballot drop boxes</p> <p>The Office of the City Clerk is responsible for mailing ballots to voters, collaborating with partners to host ballot drop boxes, collecting ballots from drop boxes, and processing ballots returned via USPS mail</p>	<p>Elections take place in person at a physical location within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council</p> <p>The Neighborhood Council is responsible for securing this location and paying any associated costs, including but not limited to location fees, staffing fees, security fees, etc.</p>