



Election Cycle Consideration

# Advantages for Even-Year Election Cycle

In sync with local, county, state and federal election cycle:

- City staff, with elections experience, oversee process.
- City covers election training, equipment maintenance and pre-deployment preparation, prepares polling locations, staff absentee and direct balloting, election materials retention and storage.
- District manages candidate filing process and candidate financial records; coordinates with counties on ballot preparation.
- Consistency in application of statute, training.
- Same polling locations for city residents—combined often causes confusion and visits to incorrect polling location.
- Can provide direct balloting—has been extended from 7 to 18 days (required more direct staff time).
- District does not have to provide election supplies for polling locations; less wear and tear on equipment.
- Greater voter turnout due to larger number of contests.
- Communication about elections.
- Maximizes existing elections investment, possible decrease in expenditure.

Minimal additional work for City/County:

- Minimal paperwork from City to District for reporting.
- County shifts timeframe for effort for absentee and other election activities to a time where others are also doing these activities

# Odd Year Election Process for District

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Update/Train staff on statutory election changes

Communication about upcoming election

Schedule polling locations

Recruit election judges

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Visit Health Care Facilities; voter outreach to other facilities

Test election equipment—Preliminary and Public Accuracy

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# Financials

- Save \$ for election judge wages, training
- Save \$ for election supplies
- Save District staff time for training and administration of election
- Share \$ for publication of ballot in newspaper
- Continue shared \$ for equipment purchase and maintenance
- Continue \$ for absentee ballot processing



# Questions and Discussion

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