

CHARTER REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

MODERNIZING OUR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

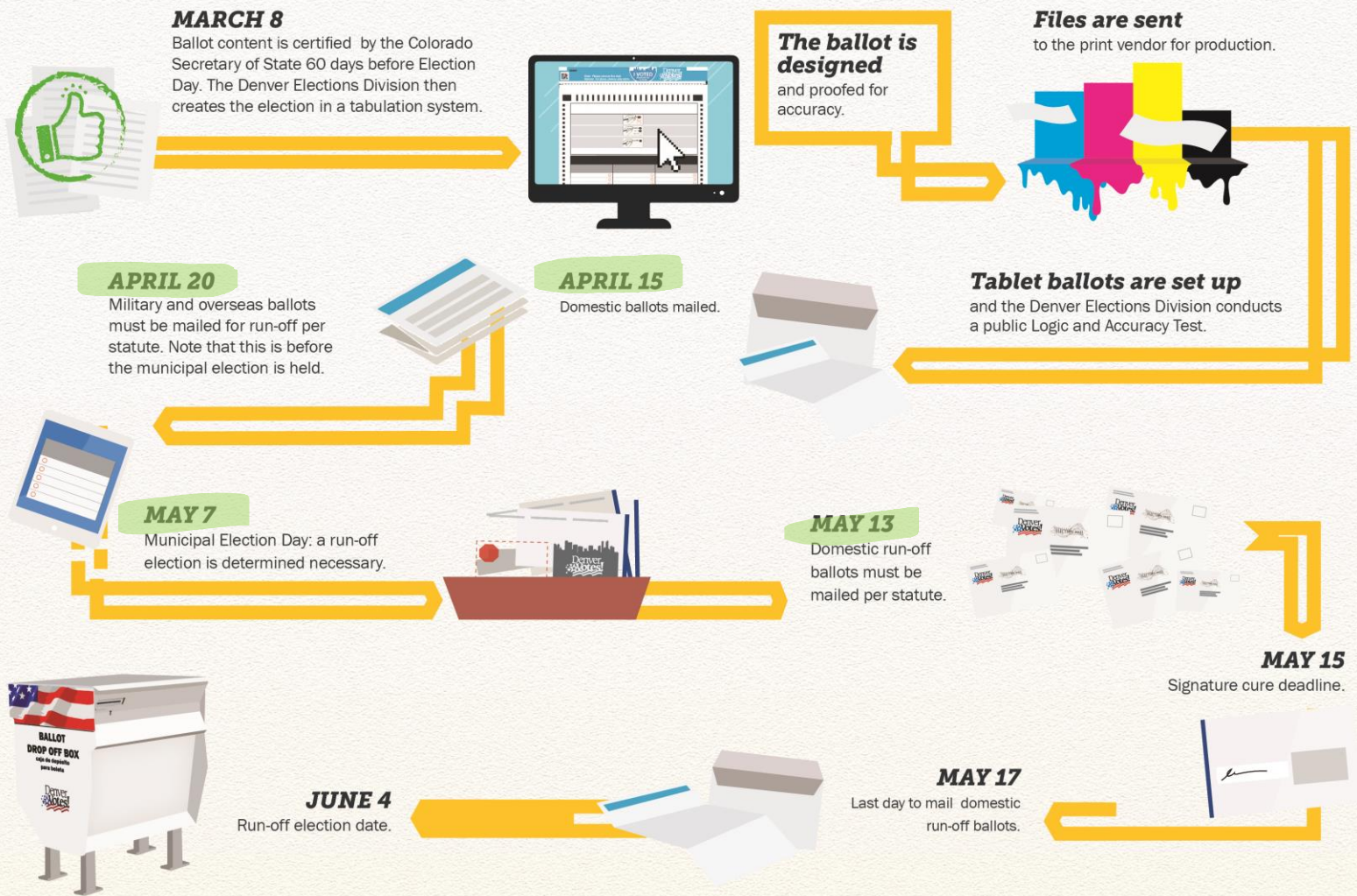


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CURRENT STATE: CONTRADICTION DEADLINES

RUN-OFF ELECTION SAMPLE TIMELINE





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THE CHARTER REVIEW PROCESS

- Identification of the problem
- The committee is convened
- The committee meets monthly
- Committee sends recommendations to the Clerk
- The Clerk reviews and compiles recommendations summer 2021



THE COMMITTEE

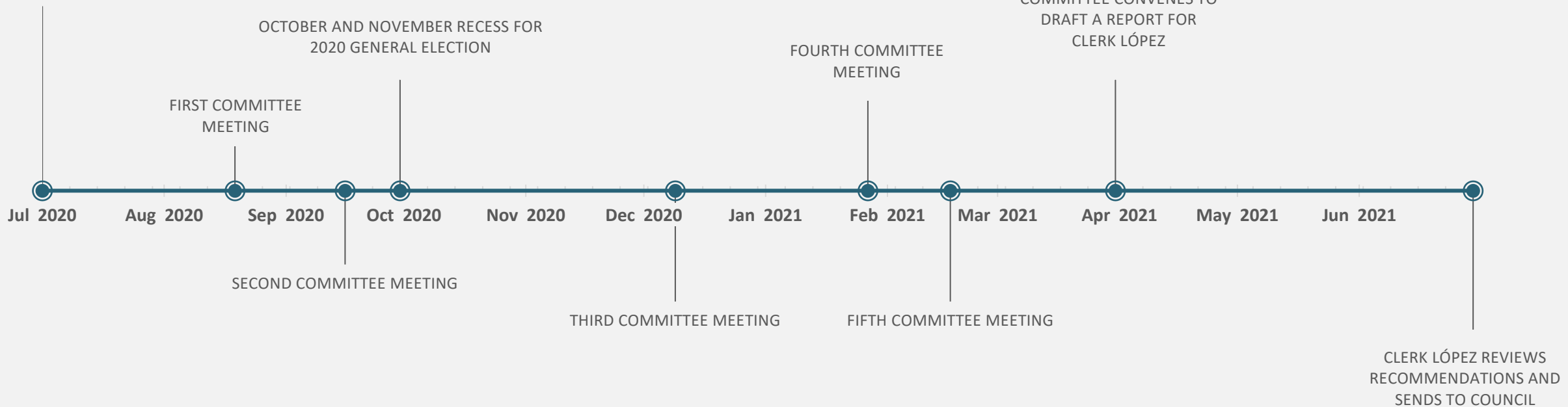
The Committee was comprised of seven members are appointed by Council, the Mayor’s Office, and Clerk López:

- Michael Cummings. Ph.D. | Professor Emeritus of Political Science at University of Colorado Denver – Clerk and Recorder Appointee
- Hon. Kevin Flynn | Denver City Council District 2 – Council Appointee
- Hon. Stacie Gilmore | President of Denver City Council District 11– Council Appointee
- Mark Grueskin, Esq. | Shareholder Recht Kornfeld PC – Clerk and Recorder Appointee
- Hon. Stephanie O’Malley | Associate Vice Chancellor for Government and Community Relations Denver University, Former Denver Clerk and Recorder – Clerk and Recorder Appointee
- Gena Ozols | Field Director at Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights – Clerk and Recorder Appointee and Community Applicant.
- Alan Salazar, Esq. | Chief of Staff for Mayor Michael Hancock – Mayoral Appointee



CHARTER REVIEW TIMELINE

COMMITTEE IS CONVENED



Meetings were open to the public, recorded, and shared via denvergov.org and our social media channels.



OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Moving the date of the election

Changing the date of the election to earlier in the year or to coincide with a November Election

Changing the election method

- Ranked Choice Voting
- Approval Voting
- First-past-the-post/Plurality voting



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Outreach included surveys, public meetings, stakeholder presentations, social media, and web content.

CHARTER REVIEW ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

600+ individuals

reached via public meetings and presentations

Eight meetings, conducted virtually, were open to the public from August 2020 to February 2021

Several presentations were made to various community groups throughout January and February

959 respondents

to the online Charter Review survey

Offered in both English and Spanish, the survey launched in February 2021 and collected answers to a variety of questions for Committee review

65,021 impressions

via Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, from both Clerk and Recorder and Elections accounts

Broad outreach across these channels publicized townhalls, meetings, the public comment period and the survey

1,215 engagements

via NextDoor to reach the community on various scales

This platform created the opportunity to deliver relevant messaging to different neighborhoods

358 public comments

regarding voting methods collected

The Office of the Clerk and Recorder initiated the creation of an outreach and engagement plan in August 2020 with the goal of soliciting informed opinions on the options presented to the Charter Review Committee



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RECOMMENDATION A: MOVE ELECTION TO APRIL

BENEFITS

- Simpler solution: low impact on operations
- Requires education only on modified election schedule, not a whole new method
- Resolves timeline issue

IMPACTS

- Voter education on new date will be needed
- Does not eliminate need for run-off





RECOMMENDATION B: RANKED CHOICE VOTING

BENEFITS

- By design, allows voters to rank their choices, more accurately reflecting the will of the voters
- Eliminates need for /costs of a run-off altogether
- Pays for itself in savings

IMPACTS

- Changes to ballot procedures and tabulation
- Extensive voter education needed on new method
- New practices for reporting and auditing results



QUESTIONS?



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