

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Amend Chapter 2.16 of City Code to move the program from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to a Commissioner's Office. (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 2.16)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In December 2016, Council adopted the Open and Accountable Elections ordinance which created a matching funds program for qualifying candidates. After consideration of multiple alternatives, the program was placed in the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) with the approval of the Commissioner-in-Charge and Director at that time.

The Commissioner-in-Charge and Director of ONI changed in 2017 and requested that the program be housed elsewhere in the City. At Council's direction, the City Budget Office conducted a study which considered options for location of the Open and Accountable Election Program. After consideration of their report and a thorough review of options, it was determined that the most feasible option was to house the program would be in a Commissioner's Office.

Understanding that there would be a conflict of interest in having a Commissioner responsible for supervising a program while using or having an opponent use the program, a Commissioner would not be eligible to provide oversight to the program during the final two years of their term.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

In the 2016-17 Adopted Budget, \$1.2 million of ongoing funds were allocated to the program. This action will have no impact on that existing allocation of funds.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Extensive public involvement was conducted during development of the program in 2016. For these amendments, the changes were presented to a group of community advocates that were instrumental in the development of the program.

100% Renewable Goal: N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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Motion record

***219** Amend Election Reform code to rename as Open and Accountable Elections Program and reassign from Office of Neighborhood Involvement to a Commissioner's Office (Ordinance introduced by Commissioners Fritz and Eudaly; amend Code Chapter 2.16)
15 minutes requested

1. **3-7-18 Motion to remove emergency clause:** Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4; N-1 Saltzman)
2. **3-8-18 Motion to reconsider the 3-7-18 amendment:** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Fish. (Y-4; Saltzman absent)
3. **3-8-18 Motion to remove emergency clause:** (N-4; Saltzman absent)

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AS AMENDED