City of Culver City

Staff Report

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SGS - ACTION ITEM: Discussion on the Update and Virtual Tour of Culver City's New Elections Webpage and Public Campaign Finance Portal.

Meeting Date: September 2, 2026

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Fiscal Impact: Yes [] No [X] **General Fund:** Yes [] No [X]

Attachments: Yes [X] No []

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Department Approval Name, Title Date: Lea Eriksen, Sr. Assistant City Manager (07/31/2026)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Standing Governance Subcommittee discuss the updates to Culver City's new elections webpage as well as the updated Public Campaign Disclosure Portal, and provide direction to staff, as needed.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

This update and virtual tour aim to enhance transparency in the campaign process, following the efforts of the Standing Governance Subcommittee. It presents changes to the new election webpage, which now includes updated information on prospective candidates' activities for the upcoming election. A dedicated section outlining how to run for city council has also been added, all in a user-friendly format.

In addition to the election webpage redesign, NetFile, the City's campaign finance filing system, has introduced significant improvements to the Public Campaign Disclosure Portal. These enhancements enable the public to search for campaign finance data using various methods, such as transactions, entities, measures, contributions by date, and more.

A concern was raised at the April 1, 2026 meeting pertaining to campaign ads and mailers being circulated. In response, candidates are asked to provide the City Clerk's Office with samples of their

potential campaign materials. The Office has also supplied a general list of "Do's and Don'ts" (Attachment 1) related to campaign materials for the public to review. With the extensive information available on the Campaign Rules webpage, the goal is to create educational resources that are easily accessible and understandable for the public and potential candidates.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

There are no costs associated with these updates.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026-08-05_ATT_Campaign Materials “Dos and Don’ts” Presentation

MOTION(S)

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