

Councilmember Kovar proposed inclusion of language to ensure that the canvass and tabulation of ballots would be a public process. Staff suggests an amendment to the Election Ordinance by adding a new Section 17 and renumbering subsequent sections.

SECTION 17. The Board of Elections shall ensure that the canvass and tabulation of ballots is conducted in a transparent manner, while providing for physical distancing and other accommodations to protect public health. Such accommodations may include, but are not limited to, video broadcasting of canvassing and tabulation, and permitting in-person viewing but limiting the number of people in a facility where canvassing and tabulation is being conducted, requiring representatives of candidates and the press to schedule and stagger their observations of canvassing and tabulation, or other similar arrangements.