

Supplemental Materials for Charter Review Committee meeting on April 12, 2018

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Materials: Illustrations of two cases of vacancy occurrences and this summary page about those illustrations.

The chart below lists information about the options for specific vacancies illustrated on the following two pages.

	Seat Vacant (months)	Time in Office		Expected Voter Turnout	Election Cost	
		Appointed Official (months)	Elected Official (months)		Estimated Cost (2017 data)	Cost per month of elected service
Case 1						
Option 1: Appointment / Election	2	9	32	high	\$120k	\$3,750
Option 2: Election	6	0	37	low	\$800k	\$21,600
Option 3: Disallowed Apoint/Elect	2	17	24	high	\$45k	\$1,875
Case 2						
Option 1: Appointment / Election	2	5	5	medium	\$120k	\$24,000
Option 2: Election	7	0	5	medium	\$120k	\$24,000
Option 3: Disallowed Apoint/Elect	2	10	0	-	\$0	\$0
<u>Notes</u>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The estimated costs of consolidating with a statewide election are probably low, especially with a statewide primary. New estimates from the County Registrar are being sought.• Historical analysis is needed to substantiate the characterization of voter turnout.						

Question for the Charter Review Committee

Are we OK with the constraints in our current charter language, that disallows the third option in these cases?

Main Issue with Case 1: The disallowed third option costs at least \$75k less and maybe considerably more.

Costs may change over time. We disallow consideration of objective factors by the Council.

Main Issue with Case 2: Forcing two elections for the same seat within 5 or 8 months of one another.

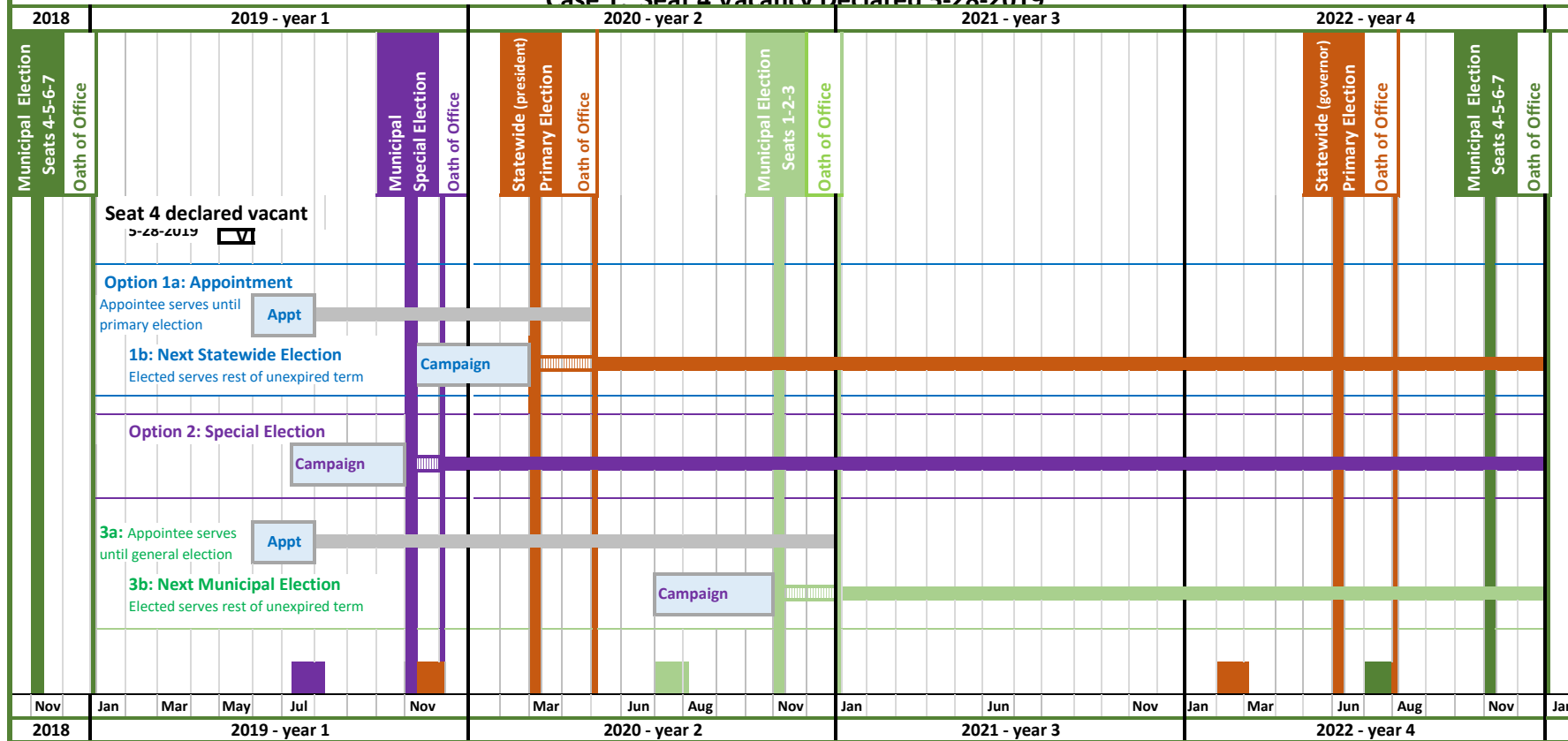
(within 5 months if the statewide primary is in June or 8 months if the primary is in March)

The constraints on Council choices of election in section (d) of the current CRC charter draft :

- limits political maneuvering by the Council
- disallows considerations of objective matters like voter turnout and election cost
- disallows consideration of impact on the Council's policy work in timing a change of councilmember (some such considerations might be political, others might be objective or pragmatic)

2019 - 2022: Four-year term for City Council Seats 4-5-6-7

Case 1: Seat 4 vacancy declared 5-28-2019



Notes: All the elections shown are statewide elections, except the "Municipal Special Election."

The candidate nomination filing period for each election is shown as a colored square. This period is from 113 to 88 days prior to election day, according to state law.

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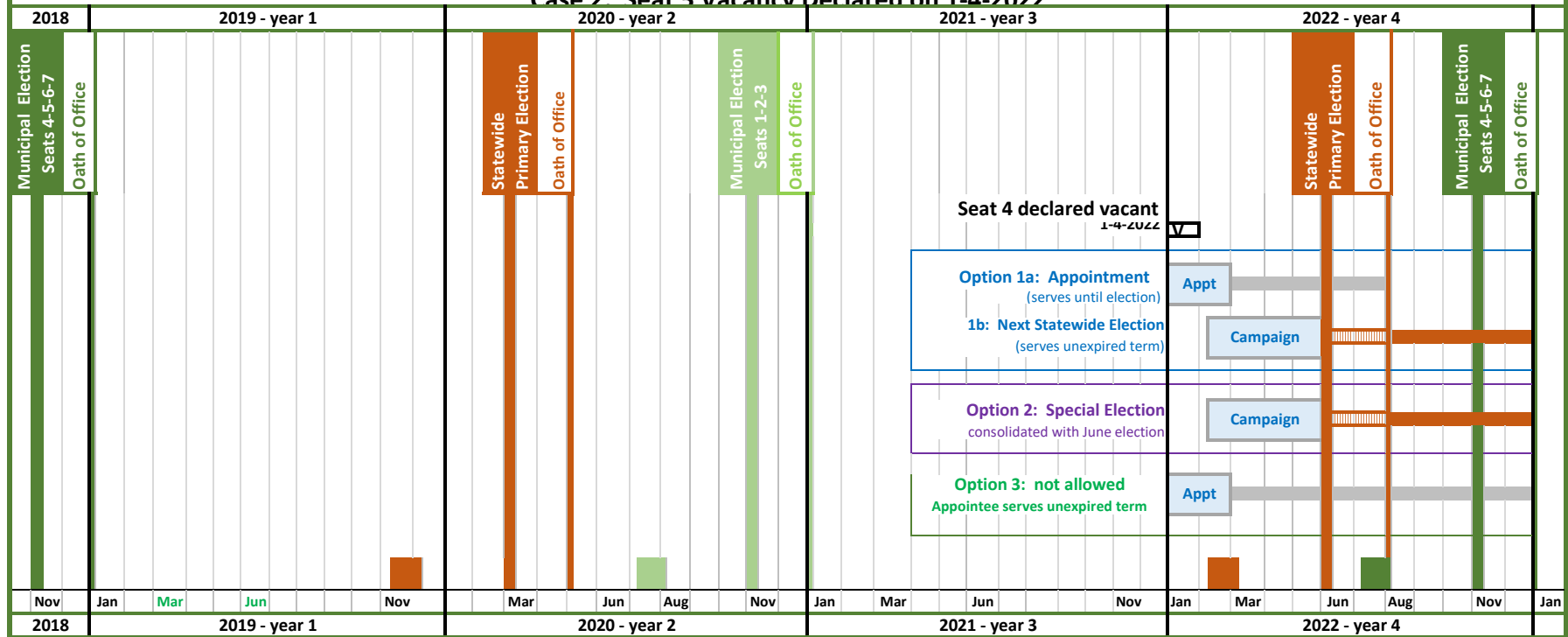
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Striped bars indicate the time between an election and the winner taking office: about 1 month for a municipal special election and 2 months for other elections.

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Case 2: Seat 5 vacancy declared on 1-4-2022



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