

Election Commission

2022 Budget Overview

Finance & Personnel Committee

October 4, 2021

Performance Measures

Key Performance Measures	2020 Actual	2021 Projected	2022 Planned
100% of voter registration data entered in compliance with State mandated legal deadlines	100%	100%	100%
Number of disenfranchised and provisional ballot voters	100	4	125
Mail all absentee ballots within 24 hours of request receipt	80%	90%	95%
Maintain average wait time at voting sites to under 15 minutes	75%**	100%	100%
Publish election results within 60 minutes of polls closing and reviewed with 100% accuracy prior to official State canvas	90%	100%	95%

** Due to covid-19, only 5 polling sites for voting created a longer than usual wait time.

2022 Budget Summary

	2021 Adopted Budget	2022 Proposed Budget	Amount Change	Percent Change
FTEs – O&M	29.63	68.36	38.73	130.7%
FTEs - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Positions Authorized	1,532.00	2,262.00	730.00	47.7%
Salaries & Wages	\$1,050,903	\$3,271,743	\$2,220,840	211%
Fringe Benefits	159,091	242,304	83,213	52.3%
Operating Expenditures	356,000	595,303	239,303	67.2%
Equipment	0	0	0	0.0%
Special Funds	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	\$1,565,994	\$4,109,350	\$2,543,356	162.4%

Key Budget Changes

- Increase FTE's to ensure full staffing at the Polling Sites and to support Central Count
- Add a Position of Election Business Systems Coordinator
- Includes funding for
 - 4 Early Voting site in Spring Election
 - 15 Early Voting sites for Fall Election
 - Additional mailing notifications
- Upgrading all accessible voting machines to the ExpressVotes machine
- Increase Pay for Election Workers to reflect the Mayor's \$15 minimum wage policy

2022 Offices on Ballot

Spring 2022

- Court of Appeals, District 1
- Circuit Court
(Branch 5, 14, 25, 34, 37, 44)
- County Supervisor
(all districts)

Fall 2022

- US Senate
- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- State Treasurer
- State Senator (Dist. 3, 5, 7)
- State Assembly
- District Attorney, County Sheriff
- Clerk of Circuit Court

2022 Spring/Fall Election Preparation

Anticipated Turnout

- February 15 Spring Primary
 - 25,000 compared to 36,000 in 2018
- April 5 Spring Election/Presidential Primary
 - 50,000 compared to 58,000 in 2018
- August 9 Fall Primary
 - 100,000 compared to 85,000 in 2018
- November 8 Fall General
 - 225,000 compared to 216,000 in 2018
- ❖ Potential Mayoral Special Election would increase turnout in Spring
 - February 15th ~100,000
 - April 5th ~150,000
- ❖ Special Election Deadline to be ordered for Spring: December 28th



Poll Worker Recruitment & Training

- Stipend Increase for Election Workers
- Staffing levels are at statutory minimums for Spring Election
- Recruitment plan includes increasing Adopt-a-Site organizations, specifically looking for bilingual organizations/groups to adopt a site
- Quarterly newsletters to election workers to maintain engagement
- Improved training platform to be more interactive
- Improved election worker manual

Early “In-Person Absentee” Voting

- Expansion of early “in-person absentee” voting sites in Spring elections
- Ensure equity and access across the City
 - Proposal: 4 Sites:
 - Zeidler Municipal Building
 - Good Hope Library
 - Washington Park Library
 - Zablocki Library
- Maintain 2020-levels of early voting sites (15 sites) in Fall 2022, including a drive-through option

2022 Early Voting Sites

Potential Early Voting Sites for Council to Consider

Spring - Early Voting Sites & Projections

Date	Zeidler	GoodHope	Washington	Zablocki	Total
Week 1	250	150	150	200	750
Week 2	300	200	200	250	950
Grand Total:	550	350	350	450	1,700

Fall - Early Voting Sites & Projections

Date	Midtown	Zeidler	GoodHope	Washington	Zablocki	Villard	East Lib	Bayview	Tippecanoe	Mitchell	UWM	MATC	MLK	Miller	Marquette	Total
Week 1	6,000	3,500	2,000	1,500	3,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	500	250	1,000	2,000	500	24,750
Week 2	10,000	4,000	3,000	2,000	5,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	750	250	1,250	3,500	750	37,500
Grand Total:	16,000	7,500	5,000	3,500	8,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,250	500	2,250	5,500	1,250	62,250

Vote By Mail

- Popular and convenient
- Entering 2022 with over 16,000 indefinitely confined voters on file
- Increased costs include:
 - Staffing to process requests and mail within 24 hours
 - Postage
 - Scoring of ballots
 - Central Count staffing

2022 ADA Accessibility and Equipment Needs

ADA Accessibility

- Purchased additional ramps and doorbells to address any new physical accessibility issues
- Upgrade ExpressVotes by mid 2022 – more modern and easy to use accessible equipment than the AutoMark

Polling Places & Redistricting

- Maintain commitment to neighborhood-based, convenient polling places
- Maximize public building usage
- Additional mailing to notify voters of ward and possible polling place changes

2022 Challenges

- Stability and consistency of polling places
- Election misinformation and distrust
- Security of staff and election workers
- Strategically focusing resources to reflect the changing election landscape