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Proposed Policy Aims Public Election Results Reporting

The purpose of this document is to propose for the Commission's consideration a possible list of high-level policy aims, or goals, regarding reporting election results to the public. As such, they focus on the "what," as opposed to how these goals can be achieved.

1. The public should be able to learn, directly from the main results page (so without having to navigate to another page), basic information about each contest, including—
 - a. the current winner or winners of each local contest,
 - b. the current vote and percent totals of each winner, and
 - c. in the case of ranked-choice voting (RCV) contests, the current RCV final-round vote and percent totals (e.g. after reducing to two candidates).

"Current" in the above means based on the ballots that have been counted so far.

2. When viewing the main results page, the public should understand roughly how far along the tabulation is, including—
 - a. what percent of ballots have been counted so far, approximately (relative to how many ballots are estimated to be counted overall), and
 - b. about how many days it will be before some higher percentage will be counted (so the public can know how long they may need to wait).