

COMPLAINT PBRC031

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Complaint – Request that reset of ballot be accommodated until end of the balloting period.

At the 3-5-20 PNB meeting the NES said:

"[We] decided that we honor voter's choice as much as possible.

Logistically it is little complicated on my end because you can just imagine it is just another layer of work, and also the turnaround time, I am hoping that I do not get flooded by request to change their vote at the end, which is why I put a deadline to do that, but obviously if there are few people, I am going to do my best to honor how people want to vote to the last date. I think it is important. It's just a more of logistical hassle than anything else.

[Reset ballot] is just done the same way as any ballot request is done.

You just request the ballot and you write in the note field why you are requesting the ballot, that you want to change your vote."

However, on the website: <https://elections.pacifica.org/wordpress/>

"FOR ALL BALLOT REQUESTS

If you made a mistake on your ballot, please describe in the notes section. Your ballot will be reset ONCE. Please note that due to the turnaround time, you can only request to reset your ballot through March 12th.

Please note you can only request a paper ballot through March 12th. After March 12th only e-ballots are available."

Requested Remedy:

It is reasonable that request for paper ballot ends on March 12, and e-ballots are available to the end of the balloting.

Since reset ballot is handled as any other ballot request, and because it is easier since the voter status had been verified, we request that reset ballot requests be allowed to the end of the balloting period.

Also, many of the voters have not been able to listen to the debates as of March 12. Several requests to do so have been received by proponents.

The only appropriate remedy is to remove the following from the website:

"Please note that due to the turnaround time, you can only request to reset your ballot through March 12th."

Please add to the election CARTs, a notice that you can request to change the vote until Wednesday March 18.

Election Inspectors Response: This is not a Fair Campaign Provision rule violation.