

# Item# 4

# Briefing SA Justice

# Charter Petition Report

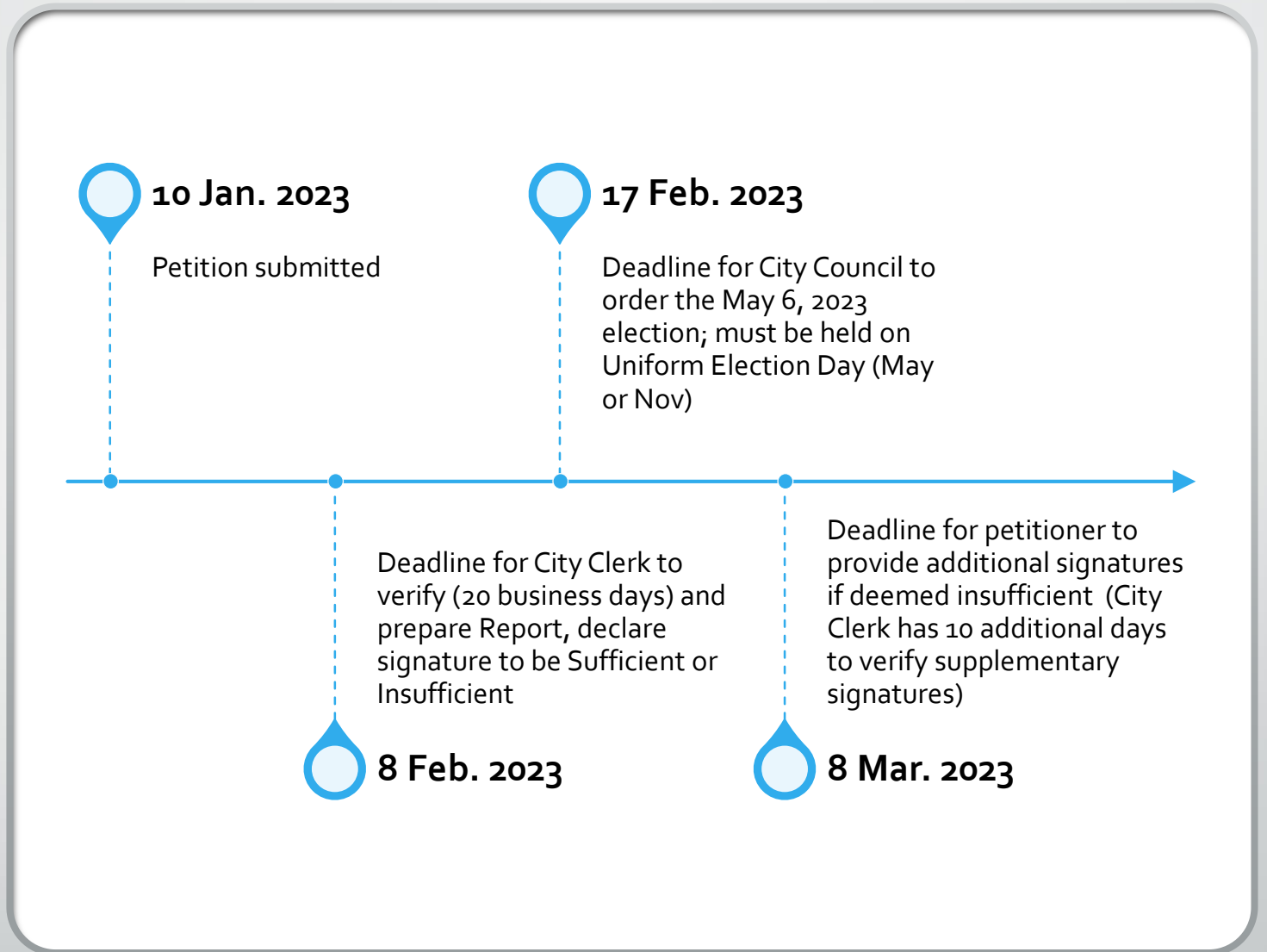
Debbie Racca-Sittre, City  
Clerk

February 16, 2023

# Background

- January 10, 2023 Ground Game Texas submitted a petition
- “to amend the City Charter of San Antonio to adopt a justice policy that will reduce unnecessary arrests and save scarce public resources through a comprehensive set of reforms, including: ending enforcement of low-level marijuana possession; ending enforcement of abortion crimes; banning no-knock warrants; banning chokeholds; and using citations instead of arrests for low-level non-violent crimes.”

# Timeline



# Process

- City Clerk used Bexar County Votec Elections Management and Compliance System (VMECS) to verify every page and line of petition meeting all legal requirements:
  - Texas Local Government Code Section 9 – requires signatures of 20,000 qualified voters
  - Texas Election Code Chapter 277.002 petition page requirements:
    - Signer's printed name
    - Signer's date of birth OR voter registration number
    - Signer's residence address
    - Date of signing (which must be no more than 180 days old)
    - Signature in signer's own handwriting
  - City Charter Article IV – requires signed circulator statement and signatures in ink or indelible pencil

# City Clerk

## Certified Report

Description / Detail	Number
Valid	20,979
Address Rejected/Questioned	668
Out of city limits	5,064
Not Registered	7,478
Neither VUID nor DOB	351
No signature date on petition	10
Signature Rejected / Questioned	1,554
Valid duplicate on petition	653
No circulator for page	19

# Certification

- City Clerk certifies that the petition is Sufficient to cause the SA Justice Charter Amendment to be placed on the May 6, 2023 ballot.
- No City Council action is required for the Certification.
- City Council must perform its ministerial duty to Order the Charter Election.