VNC Election Task Force Questionairre Tally 5-9-23

Outreach Too little, too late Outreach before the election abysmal Candidate forum debacle + too late Too little, too late Outreach through whole 2-year term Delay in starting outreach between August and December Mailings too late to be useful Postcard announcing election/mail- in ballot request went out 2 months late Voter guide should be received as soon as candidate filing was complete Need committee	18 13 5 2 2 5 4 54
Election plan not accepted in timely fashion Administration, outreach, marketing poorly handles If outreach committee and board don't do job, need election committee Lack of ownership for responsibility for the election Need election committee to start early Outreach committee should be responsible for promotion	1 1 1 4 2 10
Need in-person venues Lack of in-person opportunities to meet & engage with candidates Meet & greets No in-person table at farmer's market or other venues	1 3 15
Didn't receive mail pieces	8
Suggestions Use neighborhood portals like nextdoor, facebook groups & local press Use a raffle to get involvement & collect email Should be a series of zoom candidate presentations and not just at end Candidate videos of set (hard) questions/answers -> website & social media Have parties to meet the candidates for entire community Election town halls Use zoom + social media to promote & awareness	2 1 2 1 1 2
Criticism Methods too dated Marketing materials were an embarrassment Social media posts were not informative No distribution points set for print outreach materials Too much reliance on print and direct mail; need digital & online reach Voter guide needs complete overhaul Banners hung too late and not in enough locations Oversight of election administrator was non-existant and had free reign	10 1 3 3 1 1 1 1 1
Election timing	12
OK as is	3
Criticism Too early (creates a lame duck situation) OK Timing poor due to holidays and recent city election	12 3 8

New board should be seated (sooner) in the next month All NC elections need to be in June (citywide and on same day) Sync NC election with city-wide elections	5 3 1 32
Election Turnout	02
Confusion / lack of knowledge Lack of knowledge of VNC or that there was an election Confusion on in-person voting vs mail-in ballots Difficult to register, questions too intrusive Not aware of documents needed	5 4 5 1 15
Low turnout causes Election burn-out after CD 11 Confidence in Traci and less fear Lack of pressing issue Lack of in-person meetings (COVID) Discord among board members People feel the VNC is not a representative body. Non-receipt of mail-in ballot Lack of personal candidate campaigning	7 7 2 2 3 2 1 2 1 2
Suggestions to increast turnout Suggest use City voter's regist Set up registration locations	2 13
Over-all suggestions Candidates should be able to work on the election Should be able to vote for more than one CO (up to 13) More assistance to help candidates' outreach DONE needs to promote NC in general and purpose they serve Have early plan, stick to it, use money efficiently Banners over Abbot Kinney +++ Vote Care for Your Community Signs at local hangouts Election town halls Better define the job and duties of each position Purchase list of all Venice emails Need prior and full accounting before approval of expense by Board Need parades Return to live meetings	2 5 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 3 1 9