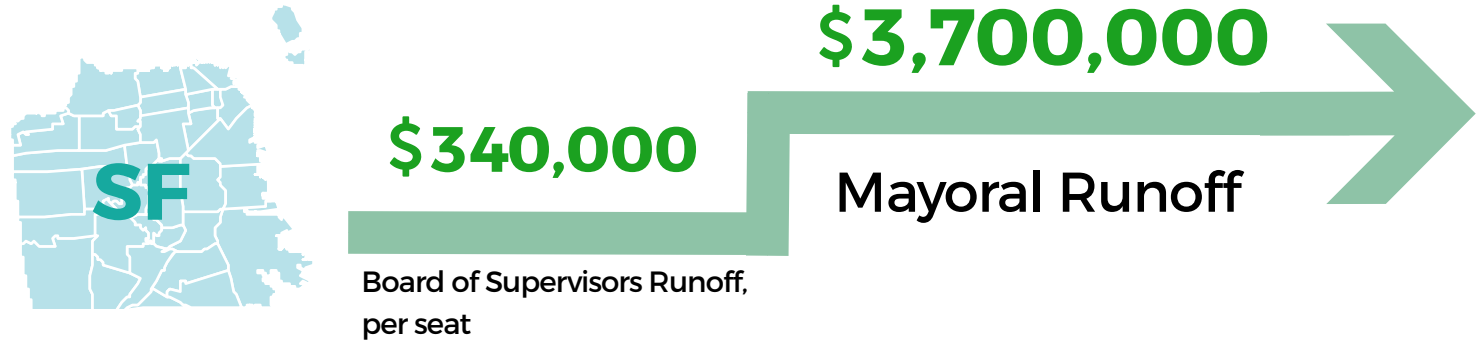




Cost Savings with Ranked Choice Voting

Since San Francisco, Berkeley, San Leandro, and Oakland use ranked choice voting (RCV) for local elections, they avoid costly runoff and primary elections. Total savings range by city size and type of election.



Without RCV, San Francisco and Berkeley would have an additional stand-alone runoff election following a November even year election. Here is the cost of these elections for these cities:

San Francisco ¹

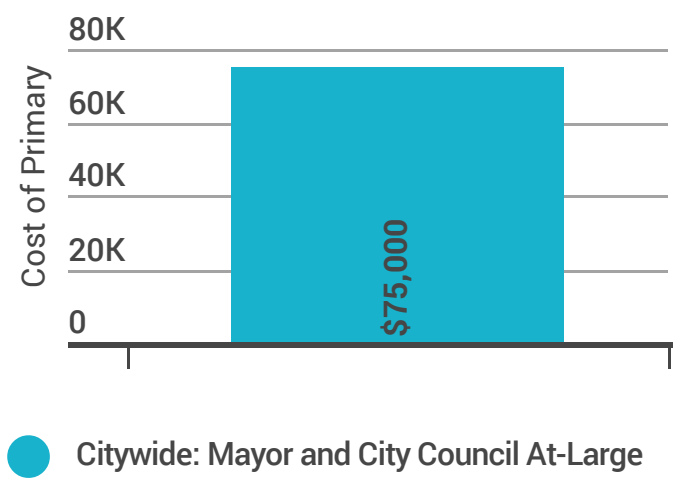


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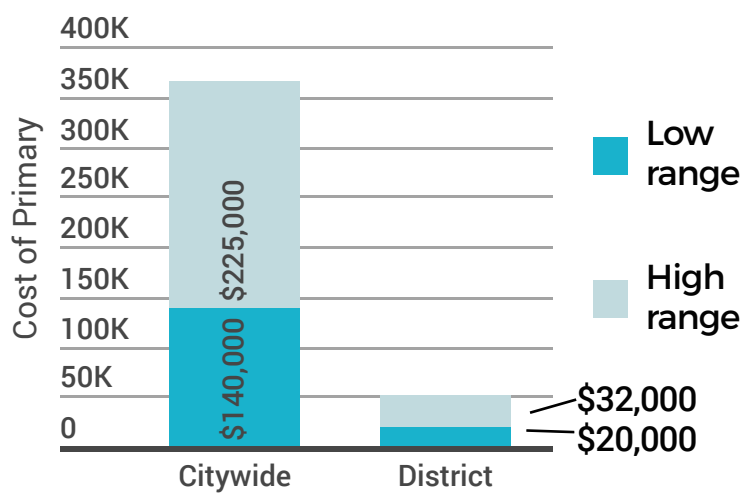


Without RCV, San Leandro and Oakland would both have city government seats on their June primary ballots, in addition to on the November general ballot. Here are the estimates for each of these primary races, based on per voter costs:

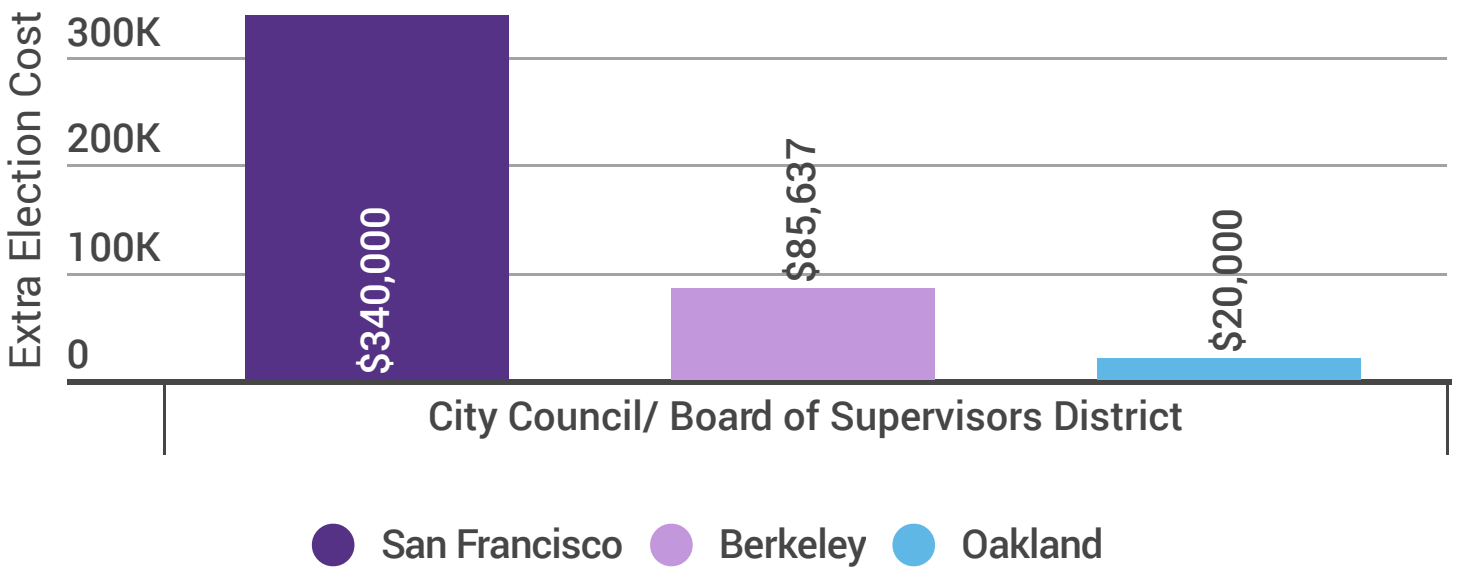
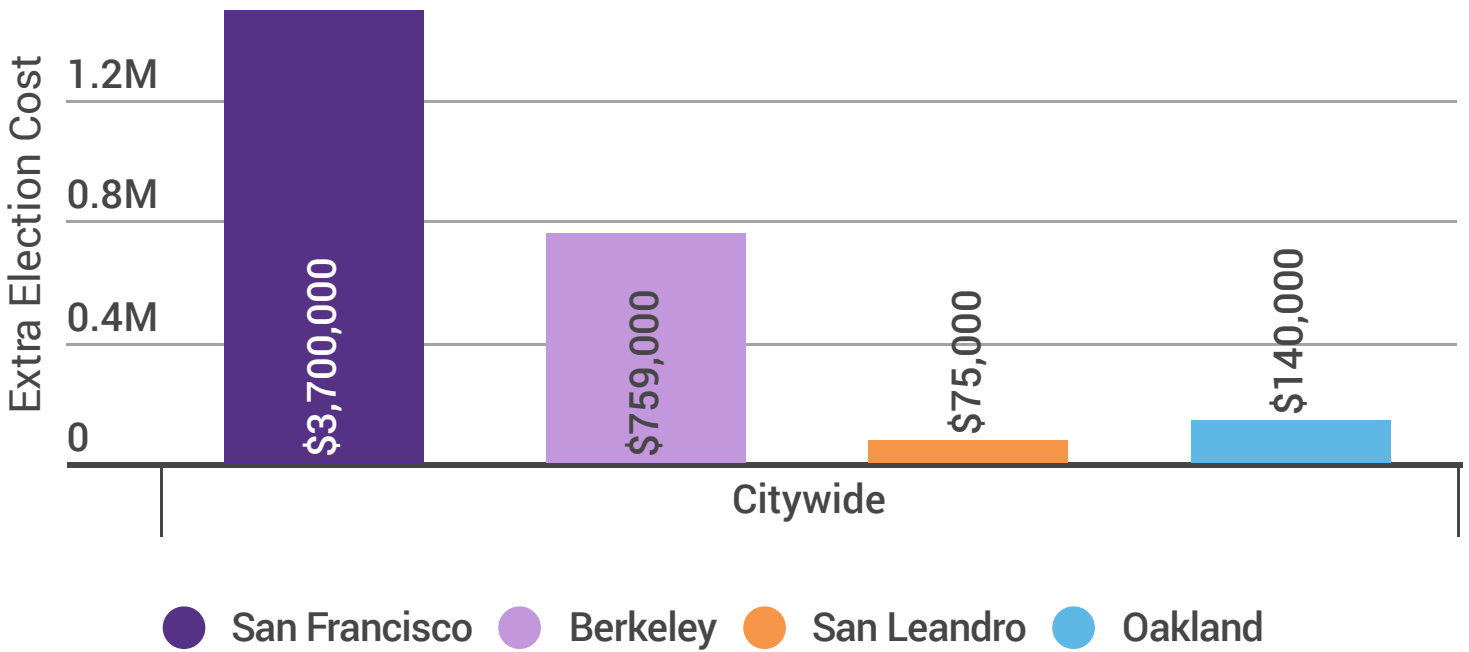
San Leandro ³



Oakland ⁴



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