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| Incumbent              | ➢ Elected by a vote of the people  
➢ Fulfilled a 4-year term  
➢ May use “Incumbent” as Ballot Designation  
• Creates a full-term seat                                                                                                                                  | Scenarios:  
• Vacancy of a four-year term (2018-2022)  
• In first two years of term if vacancy occurs, this creates a short-term seat  
Example:  
• Created vacancy in 2018 or 2019  
• Short-term seat at the next general election in 2020 for *last two years of term from 2020-2022*  
• Allows the rotation of officeholders to be staggered for election purposes  
NOTE: Vacancy in second half of term would not create a short-term election unless a special election is called pursuant to Government Code Section 1780 |
| Appointed In-Lieu      | ➢ Qualified during nomination period with no challenger (or for Vote for N contest with N or fewer candidates), contest comes off-ballot and candidate gets appointed by Board of Supervisors to fill the seat prior to date of election  
➢ Fulfilled a 4-year term in-lieu of an election  
➢ May use “Incumbent” as Ballot Designation  
• Creates a full-term seat                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                               |
| Appointed Incumbent    | ➢ Not elected  
➢ Appointed by either District Board, City Council or Board of Supervisors to fill a vacancy just until next general election  
➢ May use “Appointed Incumbent” as Ballot Designation  
• Creates a short-term seat if the appointed incumbent is filling a vacancy in the first half of a regular term  
• Otherwise, creates a full-term seat                                                                                                                      |                                                                                               |
| Vacancy                | ➢ An “incumbent,” “appointed in-lieu,” or “appointed incumbent” vacates seat (and the vacancy remains unfilled)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                               |