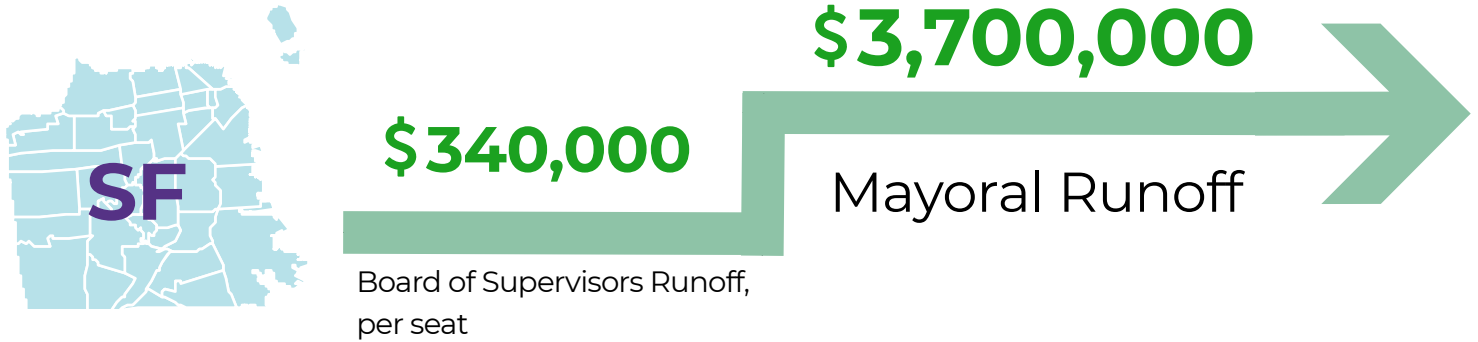


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Since San Francisco, Berkeley, San Leandro, and Oakland use ranked choice voting (RCV) for local elections, they avoid costs associated with runoffs and primary elections. Total savings range by city size and type of election.

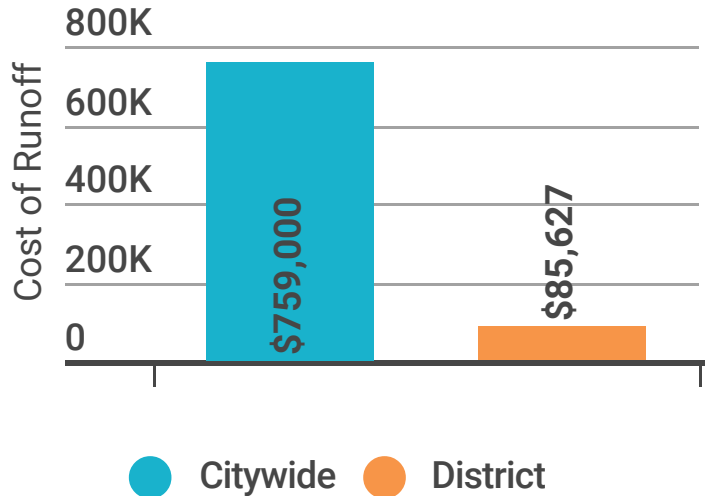


Without RCV, San Francisco and Berkeley would have an additional stand-alone runoff election following a November election. Here are the costs of these elections:

San Francisco¹

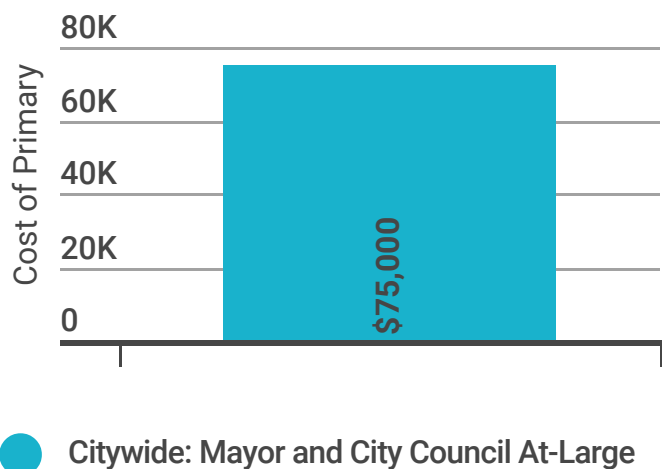


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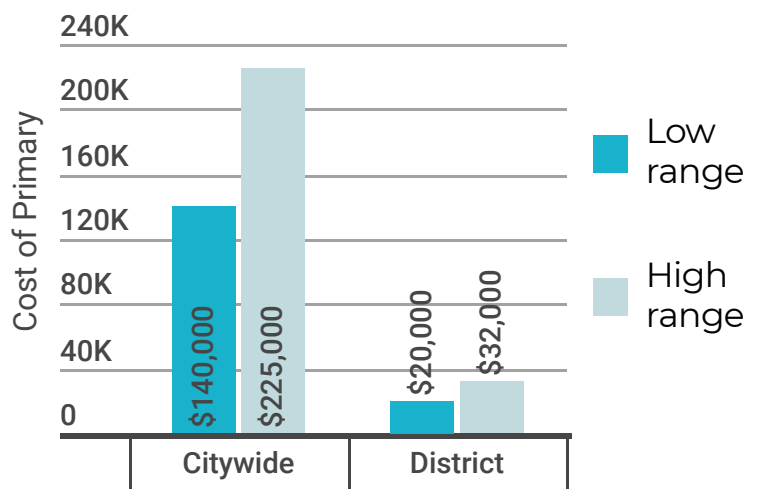


Without RCV, San Leandro and Oakland would have municipal races on their June primary ballots, in addition to the November general ballot. Here are the estimates for these primary races, based on per voter costs:

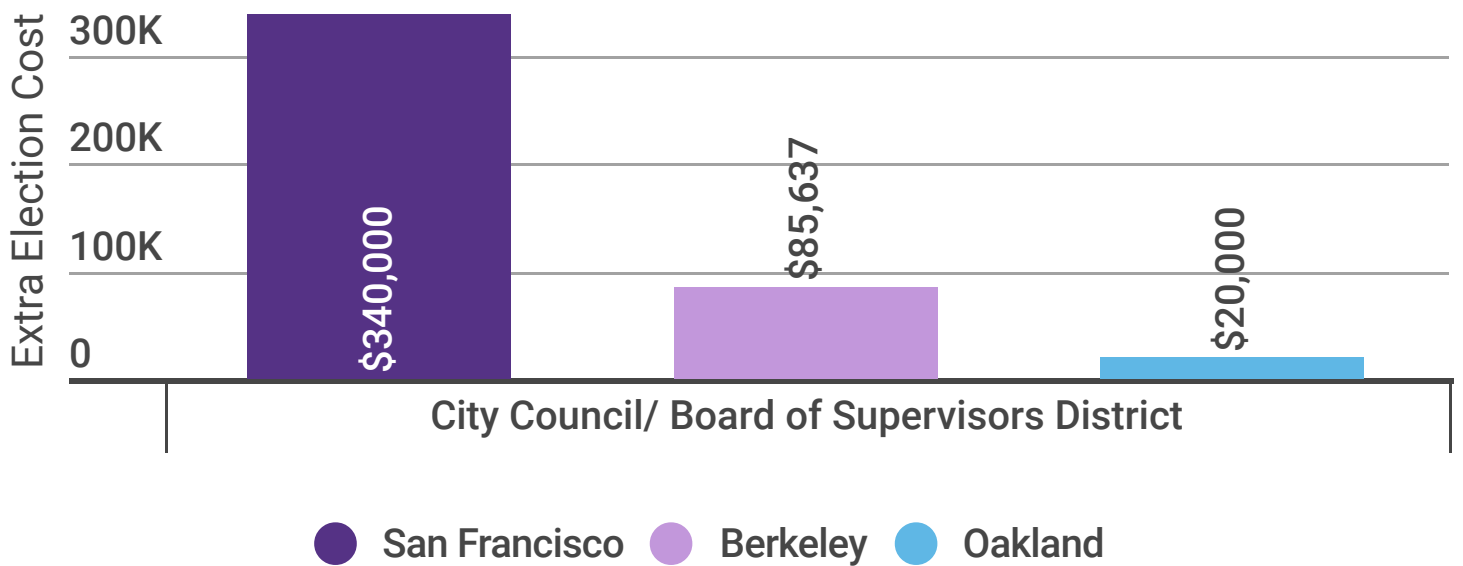
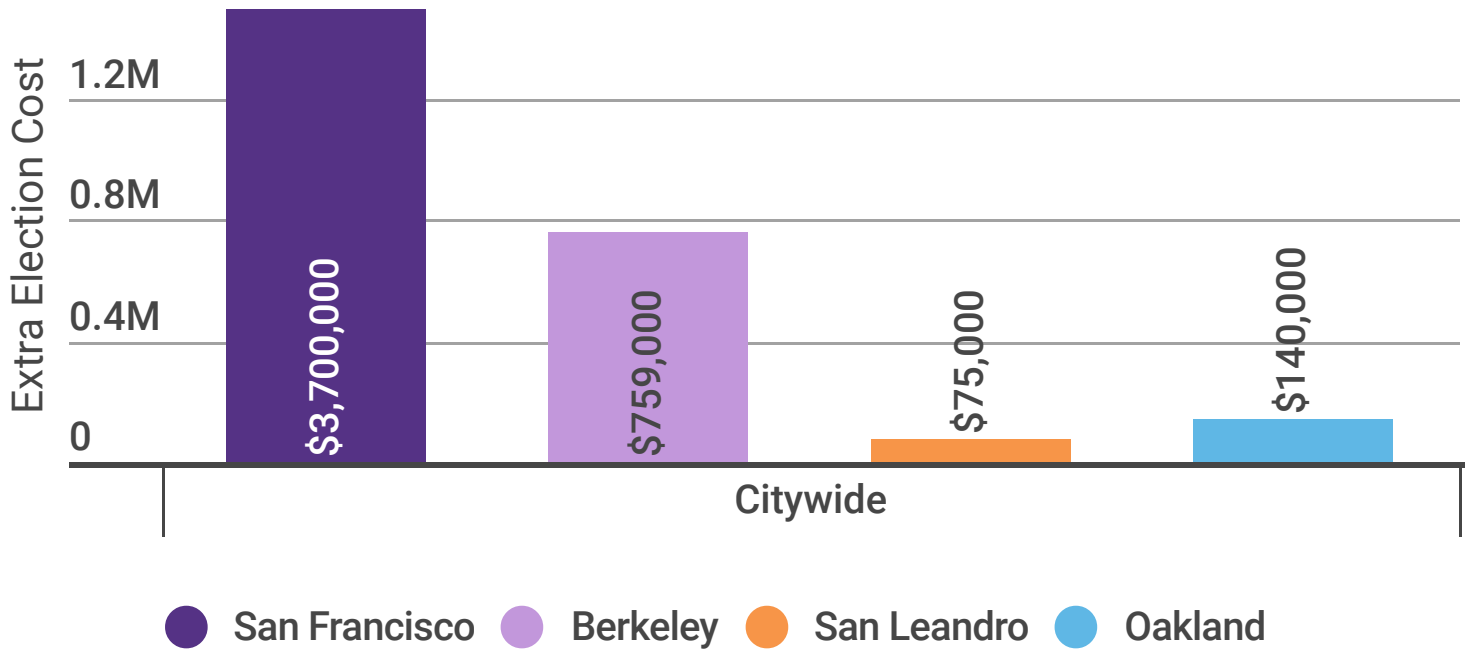
San Leandro³



Oakland⁴



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