

Tab 1

[public] 6.x Steering Council elections planning

Prep Forum threads: [Preparing for the 6.x series Steering Council Election](#), [Tweak to Steering Council membership rules?](#)

Tasks

- ☒ Initial planning
- ☒ Engage w/ forum threads
- ☒ [Expression of interest process](#) to help people confirm their eligibility ahead of time?
- ☒ Set a target for number of eligible candidates on the ballot: 10-15
- ☒ Review [eligibility rule](#) to better communicate it to potential candidates
- ☒ Decide whether the Steering Council candidates' details are publicly available
- ☒ Confirm start date with Steering Council
- ☒ Social media / community engagement plan
 - ☒ Website (blog)
 - ☒ Social media (Reddit, Twitter, LinkedIn, Mastodon)
 - ☒ [Forum](#)
 - ☒ Discord
- ☒ Voter registration form setup
- ☒ Candidate registration form setup (first draft done)
- ☒ Scene setting blog post about elections and the board's governance vision
 - ☒ Points to reflect on from previous SG
 - ☒ Expression of interest form
- ☒ Elections announcement
- ☒ Candidate registration announcement
- ☒ Voting announcement
- ☒ Results announcement
- ☒ Email for successful candidates
- ☒ New Members Introductions
- ☒ Handover plan
- ☒ Feedback form / requests / retrospective
- ☐ Voter turnout review
- ☐ Documentation ahead of 7.x Steering Council elections
 - ☐ Wiki updates
 - ☐ Template version of sensitive elections documents

6.x timeline

Title	Publish date	Published	Document
Pre-announcement + candidate expression of interest	2024-11-14	Yes ▾	Django's technical governance challenges and opportunities
Announcement to membership	2024-11-21 12:00 AM	Yes ▾	Announcing the 6.x Steering Council elections 🚀
Open non-DSF voter registration	Same as announcement	Yes ▾	Django 6.x Steering Council Voter Registration
Close non-DSF voter registration	2024-11-26 (1 week)	Yes ▾	N/A
Open candidate registration	2024-11-27 (same time as above +- a few hours)	Yes ▾	Django 6.x Steering Council Candidate Registration 📄 [public] Draft form - Django 6.x Steering... Public comms: candidate registration See Candidates comms tab.
Close candidate registration	2024-12-04 11:45 PM (1 week)	Yes ▾	N/A
Open Voting	2024-12-10 (1 week gap)	Yes ▾	Django 6.x Steering Council Candidates Forum: Django 6.x Steering Council candidates and voting Drafts: see Public comms
Close Voting	2024-12-17 11:45 PM (1 week)	Yes ▾	N/A
Results Announcement	2024-12-18 7:00 PM	Yes ▾	Draft: Elections results Live: Django 6.x Steering Council Election Results
New Members Introductions	2024-12-23 11:45 PM	No ▾	📁 File

Relevant dates:

- Board elections: announcement of results between November 16th and 18th
- 2024 Board meetings: October 10, November 14, December 12
- 2025 Board meetings: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12
- US elections: 5 November 2024
- Major holidays: Christmas

Things to share early on

As a blog post before the new year

- The timeline (with or without exact dates)
- Eligibility rules (see below)
- Things to register to vote
- Expression of interest form
- Q&A

Feedback

Start

- Review the tone of some of the messages

Continue

- Plan vo

Stop

Eligibility rules

Currently [from DEP 12](#) 2024-10-16:

Both of the following:

- *A history of substantive contributions to Django or the Django ecosystem. This history must begin at least 18 months prior to the individual's candidacy for the Steering Council, and include substantive contributions in at least two of these bullet points:*
 - *Code contributions on Django projects or major third-party packages in the Django ecosystem*
 - *Reviewing pull requests and/or triaging Django project tickets*
 - *Documentation, tutorials or blog posts*
 - *Discussions about Django on the django-developers mailing list or the Django Forum*
 - *Running Django-related events or user groups*
- *A history of engagement with the direction and future of Django. This does not need to be recent, but candidates who have not engaged in the past three years must still demonstrate an understanding of Django's changes and direction within those three years.*

Substantive

"Important / meaningful / significant"

- Code contributions on Django projects or major third-party packages in the Django ecosystem
 - TC: develops the Django Framework or develops a "mayor" Django package
 - TC: Current definition: top 500 (3%) by downloads.
 - See also:
https://github.com/djangopackages/djangopackages/blob/ba1a798a74f231025e61b865c51e8ebc947491e2/searchv2/builders_v3.py#L9-L19
- Reviewing pull requests and/or triaging Django project tickets
 - TC: see input from Fellows
- Documentation, tutorials or blog posts
- Discussions about Django on the django-developers mailing list or the Django Forum
- Running Django-related events or user groups
- A history of engagement with the direction and future of Django.

18 months+

Clarify which of these interpretations is correct:

- Highest bar: Candidate must have a substantive contribution from 18+ months ago in two of the bullet points
- ☒ Middle bar: Candidate must have a substantive contribution from 18+ months ago in one bullet point, and another substantive contributions elsewhere w/ no date requirement
- Low bar: Candidate's contribution history must begin 18+ months ago. And it must include substantive contributions in two bullet points, w/ no date requirement

Eligibility rules variants

Current: DEP 12 2024-10-16	Proposed by Sarah Boyce	Outdated DEP 10	Yours?
Both of the following: — A history of substantive contributions to Django or the Django ecosystem. This history must begin at least 18 months prior to the individual's candidacy for the Steering Council, and include substantive contributions in at least two of these bullet points:	Must be a DSF member, and: — Demonstrate a recent history of participation in Django's development outside of contributions merged to the https://github.com/django/django/ repository. This may include, but is not restricted to: • Participation in discussions on the	MUST demonstrate: — A history of technical contributions to Django or the Django ecosystem. This history MUST begin at least 18 months prior to the individual's candidacy for the Technical Board. A history of participation in Django's development outside of contributions merged to the https://github.com/django/django/ repository.	

Django projects or pages in the Django and/or triaging s or blog posts go on the ing list or the Django events or user groups the direction and future to be recent, but ged in the past three understanding of within those three	django-developers mailing list or Django Forum. • Reviewing and offering feedback on pull requests in the Django source-code repository • Assisting in triage and management of the Django bug tracker. • Mentoring a GSoC project or Djangonaut space session. This participation MUST have occurred within a period of no more than two years prior to the individual's candidacy for the Technical Board. A candidate MUST be able to give 3 such examples.	This may include, but is not restricted to: • Participation in discussions on the django-developers mailing list or Django Forum. • Reviewing and offering feedback on pull requests in the Django source-code repository • Assisting in triage and management of the Django bug tracker. A history of recent engagement with the direction and development of Django. Such engagement MUST have occurred within a period of no more than two years prior to the individual's candidacy for the Technical Board.
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Past elections

Wiki (private): [Steering Council elections](#)

5.x (Steering Council / Technical Board)

- Email to membership: April 14, 2023 ([blogpost](#))
- Voter Registration: Closes Friday April 21, 2023 AoE ([form](#))
- Candidate Registration: Closes Sunday April 30th*, 2023 AoE (open time: one week) ([form](#), [announcement: Django 5.x Steering Council Candidate Registration](#))
- Ballot forms: Sent Sunday May 7th, 2023 (one week after Candidate Registration closes)
 - This was the only occasion where candidates' details were shared, and only with DSF members and other registered voters
- Ballot closes: May 14th, 2023 (open time: one week)
- Results announcement: May 16th, 2023 [Django 5.x Steering Council Election Results](#)

4.x (Technical Board)

- Email to membership: April 14th, 2021

- Voter Registration: Closes Tuesday April 20th, 2021 AoE (open time: one week)
- Candidate Registration: Closes Tuesday April 27th, 2021 AoE (open time: one week)
- Ballot forms: Sent Tuesday May 4th, 2021 (one week after Candidate Registration closes)
- Ballot closes: May 11th, 2021 (open time: one week)
- Results announcement: May 14th, 2021 [Django 4.x Technical Board Election Results](#)

Public comms

Public comms

Scene-setting pre-announcement

Live: [Django's technical governance challenges, and opportunities](#)

Goals:

1. Make people aware of technical governance challenges, and in particular early elections
2. State how crucial technical governance is to the DSF
3. Share our SC expression of interest form

Title (required, max 200)	Django's technical governance challenges, and opportunities
Slug (required, max 50)	technical-governance-challenges-and-opportunities
Publication date (required, EST)	2024-11-14
Publication time (optional, EST)	16:00 UTC
Content format (required)	Markdown
Summary (required)	Following resignations on the Steering Council, Django's technical direction needs a fresh take. Elections are coming up soon.
Author (required, max 100)	Django Software Foundation Board
Body	As of October 29th, two of four members of the Django Software Foundation Steering Council have resigned from their role, with their intentions being to trigger an election of the Steering Council earlier than otherwise scheduled, per our established governance processes. To our departing members, Simon and Adam, thank you for your contributions to Django and its governance ❤️. The framework and our community owes a lot to your dedication, and we're confident our community will join us in celebrating your past contributions – and look forward to learning about your future endeavors in the Django ecosystem. And thanks to the remaining members, James and Andrew, for their service over the years. Our governance challenges Governance in open source is hard, and community-driven open source even moreso. We're proud that Django's original two Benevolent Dictators For Life (BDFLs) both retired from the role and turned things over to community governance ten years ago now. The BDFL model can provide excellent technical governance, but

also has its flaws. So the mantle of technical governance then went on to the Core Developers and the Technical Board (renamed to Steering Council) was introduced.

However, time has revealed flaws in the Steering Council's governance model and operations. The Steering Council was able to provide decision-making — tiebreaking when the developer community couldn't lead to consensus — but didn't provide more forward-looking leadership or vision. Disagreements over how — or if — the Steering Council should approach this part of leadership led us to the current situation, with no functioning technical governance as of a few weeks ago. Even before those recent events, those flaws were also a common source of frustration for our contributors, and a source of concern for Django users who (rightly or not) might have expectations of Django's direction — such as the publication of a "roadmap" for Django development.

The Django Software Foundation Board of Directors is and was aware of those issues, and recently made attempts to have the Steering Council rectify them, in coordination with other established community members. The DSF Board has tried to be hands-off when it comes to technical leadership, but in retrospect we should have been getting involved sooner, or more decisively. The lack of technical leadership is an existential threat to Django — a slow moving one, but a threat nonetheless. It's our responsibility to address this threat.

Where we're heading

We now need new Steering Council members. But we also need governance reform. There's a lot about the Steering Council that is good and might only need minimal changes. However, the overall question of the Steering Council's remit, and how it approaches technical leadership for the Django community, needs to be resolved.

We're going to hold early elections of the Steering Council, as soon as we've completed the ongoing [2025 DSF Board elections](#). Those elections will follow existing processes, and we will want a Steering Council who strives to meet the group's intended goals:

1. To safeguard big decisions that affect Django projects at a fundamental level.
2. To help shepherd the project's future direction.

We expect the new Steering Council will take on those known challenges, resolve those questions of technical leadership, and update Django's technical governance. They will have the full support of the Board of Directors to address this threat to Django's future. And the Board will also be more decisive in intervening, should similar issues keep arising.

How you can help

We need contributors willing to take on those challenges and help our community come out ahead. It's a big role, impactful but demanding. And there are strict, often annoying eligibility rules for the Steering Council.

To help you help us, we've set up a form: [Django 6.x Steering Council elections - Expression of interest](#).

	If you're interested in stepping up to shepherd Django's technical direction, fill in our expression of interest form. We'll let you know whether or not you meet those eligibility rules, take the guesswork out of the way. You get to focus on your motivation for taking on this kind of high-purpose, high-reward governance role. How everyone can help Those elections will be crucial for the future of Django, and will be decided thanks to the vote of our Django Software Foundation Individual Members. If you know people who contribute to the DSF's mission but aren't Individual Members already – use our form to nominate them as Individual Members, so they're eligible to vote. If you're that person, do nominate yourself. We consider all contributions towards our mission: advancing and promoting Django, protecting the framework's long-term viability, and advancing the state of the art in web development. Any questions? Reach out via email to foundation@djangoproject.com.
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Announcement

- Goals:
- DEP 10 goal: “announce the election and its timeline”, voter registration
 - Expression of interest form

Live: [Announcing the 6.x Steering Council elections](#) 🚀

Title (required, max 200)	Announcing the 6.x Steering Council elections 🚀
Slug (required, max 50)	
Publication date (required, EST)	2024-11-21
Publication time (optional, EST)	
Content format (required)	Markdown
Summary (required)	We're starting early elections of the Steering Council for the Django 6.x release cycle
Author (required, max 100)	Thibaud Colas
Body	Today, we're announcing early elections for the Django Software Foundation Steering Council over the 6.x Django release cycle. Elected members will be on the Steering Council for two years, from the end of those elections in December, until April 2027 with the scheduled start of the Django 7.x release cycle.

Why we have early elections

The DSF Board of Directors previously shared [Django's technical governance challenges, and opportunities](#). Now that the [Board elections are completed](#), we're ready to proceed with this other, separate election, following existing processes. We will want a Steering Council who strives to meet the group's intended goals:

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We expect the new Steering Council will take on those known challenges, resolve those questions of technical leadership, and update Django's technical governance. They will have the full support of the Board of Directors to address this threat to Django's future. And the Board will also be more decisive in intervening, should similar issues keep arising.

Elections timeline

Here are the important dates of the Steering Council elections, subject to change:

- **2024-11-21**: announcement & opening of voter registration
- **2024-11-26 23:59 AoE (Anywhere on Earth)**: voter registration closes
- **2024-11-27**: opening of Steering Council candidates registration
- **2024-12-04 23:59 AoE**: candidates registration closes
- (one week gap per defined processes)
- **2024-12-10**: voting starts
- **2024-12-17 23:59 AoE**: voting ends
- **2024-12-18**: results ratification by DSF Board of Directors
- **2024-12-19**: results announcement

Voter registration

If you're an [Individual Member of the Django Software Foundation](#), you're already registered to vote. There's nothing further for you to do. If you aren't, consider [nominating yourself for individual membership](#). Once approved, you will be registered to vote for this election.

Alternatively, for members of our community who want to vote in this election but don't want to become Individual Members, you can register to vote from now until 2024-11-26 23:59 Anywhere on Earth, use our form: [Django 6.x Steering Council Voter Registration](#).

Candidate registration

If you're interested, don't wait until formal candidate registration. You can already fill in our [6.x Steering Council expression of interest form](#). At the end of the form, select "I would like my submissions to this form to be used as part of my candidate registration for the elections".

[Django 6.x Steering Council elections - Expression of interest](#)

	Voting Once voting opens, those eligible to vote in this election will receive information on how to vote via email. Please check for an email with the subject line "6.x Steering Council elections voting". Voting will be open until 23:59 on December 17, 2024 Anywhere on Earth. — Any questions? Reach out via email to foundation@djangoproject.com
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Candidate registration

Website post

5.x post:
<https://www.djangoproject.com/weblog/2023/apr/22/steering-council-candidate-registration/>

Title (required, max 200)	Django 6.x Steering Council Candidate Registration
Slug (required, max 50)	django-6x-steering-council-candidate-registration
Publication date (required, EST)	2024-11-27
Publication time (optional, EST)	01:00:00
Content format (required)	Markdown
Summary (required)	We're looking for candidates for early elections of the Steering Council for Django 6.x.
Author (required, max 100)	Thibaud Colas
Body	Following our [announcement of the 6.x Steering Council elections](/weblog/2024/nov/21/announcing-the-6x-steering-council-elections/), today we open candidate registrations. Registrations will be open until December 4 2024 at 23:59 Anywhere on Earth. <p>Submit a Steering Council Candidate Registration # Eligibility

	Candidate eligibility requirements are defined in DEP 12: The Steering Council. To be qualified for elections, we require both of the following: - A history of substantive contributions to Django or the Django ecosystem. This history must begin at least 18 months prior to the individual's candidacy for the Steering Council, and include substantive contributions in at least two of these bullet points: - Code contributions on Django projects or major third-party packages in the Django ecosystem - Reviewing pull requests and/or triaging Django project tickets - Documentation, tutorials or blog posts - Discussions about Django on the django-developers mailing list or the Django Forum - Running Django-related events or user groups - A history of engagement with the direction and future of Django. This does not need to be recent, but candidates who have not engaged in the past three years must still demonstrate an understanding of Django's changes and direction within those three years. If you have questions about the election please contact <foundation@djangoproject.com> or ask on the Django forum.
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Social media posts

Make sure to provide expected alternative text for any images.

X/Twitter	Mastodon	LinkedIn	Bluesky	Forum
Split in threaded replies with "----" if relevant. Adapt with desired hashtags and account mentions.	Split in threaded replies with "----" if relevant. Adapt with desired hashtags and account mentions.	No threaded replies. Adapt with desired hashtags and account mentions.	Split in threaded replies with "----" if relevant. Adapt with desired hashtags and account mentions.	
Candidate registration is now open for the Django 6.x Steering Council elections 🗳️ https://www.djangoproject.com/weblog/2024/nov/27/django-6x-steering-council-candidate-registration/	Candidate registration is now open for the Django 6.x Steering Council elections 🗳️ https://www.djangoproject.com/weblog/2024/nov/27/django-6x-steering-council-candidate-registration/	Candidate registration is now open for the Django 6.x Steering Council elections 🗳️ https://www.djangoproject.com/weblog/2024/nov/27/django-6x-steering-council-candidate-registration/		🗳️ we're at the next phase of the elections now, with candidate registrations now opened . The registration form will close on December 4 2024 at 23:59 Anywhere on Earth ..

Voting announcement

Website post

5.x post:
<https://www.djangoproject.com/weblog/2023/apr/22/steering-council-candidate-registration/>

Title (required, max 200)	Django 6.x Steering Council Candidates
Slug (required, max 50)	django-6x-steering-council-candidates
Publication date (required, EST)	2024-12-10
Publication time (optional, EST)	21:00:00
Content format (required)	HTML
Summary (required)	Thank you to the 12 individuals who have chosen to stand for election. To our departing Steering Council members, thank you for your contributions to Django and its governance.
Author (required, max 100)	Thibaud Colas
Body	<p>Thank you to the 12 individuals who have chosen to stand for election. This page contains their candidate statements submitted as part of the Django 6.x Steering Council elections.</p> <p>To our departing Steering Council members, Adam Johnson, Andrew Godwin, James Bennett, Simon Charette – thank you for your contributions to Django and its governance ❤️.</p> <p>Those eligible to vote in this election will receive information on how to vote shortly. Please check for an email with the subject line “<i>Django 6.x Steering Council Voting</i>”. Voting will be open until 23:59 on December 17, 2024 Anywhere on Earth.</p> <p>Any questions? Reach out via email to foundation@djangoproject.com.</p> <h2 id="all-candidate-statements">All candidate statements ¶</h2> <p>To make it simpler to review all statements, here they are as a list of links. Voters: please take a moment to read all statements before voting!</p> <!-- Add statements TOC here --> Source HTML to insert: 📄 Django 6.x Steering Council Candidate Registration (Responses) <!-- Add statements here --> <h2>Your move now</h2> <p>That's it, you've read it all 🌈! Be sure to vote if you're eligible, by using the link shared over email. To support the future of Django, donate to the Django Software Foundation on our website or via GitHub Sponsors.</p>

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				See below

Voting email

Sent: 2024-12-10
Title: [Action required] Django 6.x Steering Council Voting

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Voting is now open for the Django 6.x Steering Council. The voting will close at 23:59 on December 17, 2024 [Anywhere on Earth](#).

There are 12 candidates for 5 positions. That's a lot of motivated individuals to learn about and rank; take your time to read all of the statements and order the candidates on the form based on your selection. Note for those elections, all five positions on the Steering Council are up for elections.

Here are the statements for you to review: [Django 6.x Steering Council Candidates](#). When you vote, the candidates will be in a random order; and must be dragged and dropped to match your selection. The email you provide must match the address this message was sent to. This ensures only eligible members can vote.

Here is the voting link: [WHEN SENDING - ADD THE LINK HERE]

Django 6.X Steering Council Candidates
<https://www.djangoproject.com/weblog/2024/dec/10/django-6x-steering-council-candidates/>

Any questions? Please use our forum thread, [Django 6.x Steering Council elections candidates and voting](#). Or contact us over email: foundation@djangoproject.com.

Cheers,

Thibaud Colas

President
Django Software Foundation

Voting email prefix for newly-approved DSF members

Same email as above but with the following addition:

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👋 if you're receiving this email, you have been nominated as an [Individual Member of the Django Software Foundation](#), and your nomination has been approved. Congratulations!

However, you're not fully added as a member yet – this is all entirely on our side to complete, there is nothing for you to do at this time.

In the meantime – we did want to make sure to offer you the opportunity to vote in our ongoing elections of the Django 6.x Steering Council. Please find below the details we've shared with other Individual Members.

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Voting forum post

Title: Django 6.x Steering Council candidates and voting

Thank you to our 12 [Django 6.x Steering Council Candidates](#)! Their public statements are now available for all to read. Those eligible to vote in this election will receive information on how to vote shortly. Please check for an email with the subject line “*Django 6.x Steering Council Voting*”. Voting will close at **23:59 on December 17, 2024** [Anywhere on Earth](#).

What the Steering Council does

The Steering Council is a group of experienced contributors, whose goal is twofold - to safeguard big decisions that affect Django projects at a fundamental level, and to help shepherd the project's future direction. For more information, see the [Steering Council role and prerogatives](#).

Steering Council members for the 6.x release cycle members are elected for the duration of the 6.x release cycle, currently scheduled to end with the final release of Django version 6.2 in April 2027. All candidates meet [strict eligibility requirements](#).

More information

For more information, see our initial announcement [Announcing the 6.x Steering Council elections](#) 🚀. If you have any questions, feel free to ask here, or you can email foundation@djangoproject.com.

Voting reminder email

Sent: 2024-12-16

Title: [Action required] Deadline approaching for 2025 Django 6.x Steering Council voting

🔴 **2 days left!** Our records indicate you haven't voted yet for the elections of the Django 6.x Steering Council. Here are the needed instructions. If you think you have voted, please reply to this email to let us know. If you no longer wish to be an Individual Member of the Foundation, also reply to let us know.

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Here is the voting link: [WHEN SENDING - ADD THE LINK HERE]

Django 6.X Steering Council Candidates

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Cheers,

Thibaud Colas

President
Django Software Foundation

Final voting reminder email

Sent: 2024-12-17

Title: [Action required] 28h to go for 2025 Django 6.x Steering Council voting

 **28h left!** Our records indicate you haven't voted yet for the elections of the Django 6.x Steering Council. Here are the needed instructions. If you think you have voted, please reply to this email to let us know. If you no longer wish to be an Individual Member of the Foundation, also reply to let us know.

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President
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Elections results

Website post

5.x post:

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Publication date (required, EST)	2024-12-10
Publication time (optional, EST)	21:00:00
Content format (required)	HTML
Summary (required)	Thank you to the 12 individuals who stood for election. The Steering Council for the Django 6.x release cycle will be Carlton Gibson, Emma Delescolle, Frank Wiles, Lily Foote, Tim Schilling
Author (required, max 100)	Thibaud Colas
Body	The Steering Council for the Django 6.x release cycle will be: * Carlton Gibson * Emma Delescolle * Frank Wiles * Lily Foote * Tim Schilling Voting breakdown: * 400 eligible voters * 215 votes received (54%) We had 400 eligible voters, and received 215 votes (54%). See the [full voting breakdown on RankedVote](https://app.rankedvote.co/rv/vetcs3c9yb34t1vea5/results). Congratulations to the new council members! And thank you to all 12 candidates who stood for election, and everyone who took part in the voting. — For anyone looking for further opportunities to have their say on the future of Django, consider submitting our [2024 Django Developers survey](https://jb.gg/asjljo), closing in 3 days.

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Email to confirm eligibility

Hi <candidate>, good to see you here!

I have reviewed your submission to the [Django 6.x Steering Council Elections - Expression of interest form](#) to determine whether you are qualified for election to the Steering Council, defined per the [DEP 12 Specification](#).

Per my review, you meet the requirements. You are eligible to stand for elections to the Steering Council. This is a pretty high bar to meet. Your impact on our community and Django's technical direction clearly stands out compared to most contributors, we'd all be lucky to have you stand for this kind of role.

Based on this – **please let me know if you would be interested in standing in upcoming elections**, so I make sure to keep you in the loop? The current plan is for elections to be held towards the second half of November, exact dates to be confirmed with the DSF Board and other stakeholders.

For reference, here is how I determined your eligibility. If any of this seems incorrect – please let me know. Even if any corrections might not change your eligibility, it might allow me to refine other candidates' assessments.

For the five areas called out in the DEP 12 Specification, you have:

- For “Code contributions on Django projects or major third-party packages in the Django ecosystem”, you have <TODO fill in>.
- For “Reviewing pull requests and/or triaging Django project tickets”, <TODO: I didn't find many contributions. PR comments only on your own Django PRs, no Trac comments>.
- For “Documentation, tutorials or blog posts”, I counted as substantive your <TODO: Django blogging>.
- For discussions, <TODO: I didn't count them as substantive but did note your history of Forum discussions>.
- <TODO: I couldn't identify contributions towards “Running Django-related events or user groups”. Please let me know if there are any.>

To investigate your “History of engagement with the direction and future of Django”, I considered your forum discussions, blogging, <TODO>. I can confirm you meet this requirement too.

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Please let me know if you have any questions about the above, or any aspect of the elections or Steering Council.

Best regards,

Thibaud Colas
Secretary
Django Software Foundation

Candidate registration email

Sent: 2024-11-27 03:00 UTC

Hi <candidate>,

We’re moving forward with the elections now, and are ready to take candidate registrations. We’ve updated the form with three questions you won’t have had the chance to fill in, that are relevant beyond checking your eligibility.

We thought a "personal statement" field in particular was essential to add, so all candidates have an equal opportunity to stand out by either sharing their qualifications, or sharing their plan should they get elected, or a combination of both (see for example the statements of [2025 DSF board candidates](#)).

Here is the final candidate registration form: [Django 6.x Steering Council Candidate Registration](#). Please submit it by December 4 2024 at 23:59 [Anywhere on Earth](#), or let me know if you would like an extension, or if you’re not intending to stand as a candidate after all.

Since we’ve already confirmed your eligibility, you only need to fill in the following fields:

- Email (required)
- Your name (required)
- Personal statement (required)
- Your pronouns (optional)
- Your location (optional)

Hope this all makes sense, do let me know if you have any questions!

Thibaud Colas
Secretary
Django Software Foundation

Candidates voting open email

Sent: 2024-12-11 03:00 UTC

Title: 6.x Steering Council elections candidates

Bcc: all eligible candidates

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👋 you should now have an email in your inbox about our great roaster of [12 Django 6.x Steering Council elections candidates](#). Congratulations all!

If you see any issues with the formatting of your statement, or if you have any questions – please let me know.

Candidates congratulations email

Sent: 2024-12-18 20:00 UTC

Title: Congratulations! Django 6.x Steering Council elections results

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Hi <candidate>, the voting has concluded for the Django 6.x Steering Council elections and I'm elated to announce you have been elected :)

We will announce the results publicly in 60 minutes. Please hold off from sharing the news until then. The results will be published [on the Django blog](#), and on social media.

You will officially become a member of the Steering Council as soon as the results are published, and we'll follow up with handover and onboarding information about your new role. It's going to be great!

Best regards,

Thibaud Colas

Secretary

Django Software Foundation