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ORDINANCE NO. ORD-12-0007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 1.21.060 OF
CHAPTER 1.21 RELATING TO A PILOT BALLOT
ROTATION SYSTEM FOR THE JUNE 2012 ELECTION
ONLY

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 1.21.060 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.21.060 Order of candidates' names on ballot.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of the California Elections Code, ballots for the election of candidates for city offices shall be printed and distributed in accordance with this section.

B. In the case of elections for city-wide offices, the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballot by the City Clerk in accordance with the randomized alphabet drawing pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13113 for the First Councilmanic District. Thereafter, for each succeeding councilmanic district, the name appearing first in the last preceding district shall be placed last, the order of the names remaining unchanged.

C. In the case of elections for councilmanic offices, the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballot by the City Clerk in "clusters" as defined below. In the cluster designated "Cluster No. 1," the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballot by the City Clerk in

1 accordance with the randomized alphabet drawing pursuant to California
2 Elections Code Section 13113. Thereafter, for each succeeding cluster,
3 the name appearing first in the last preceding cluster shall be placed last,
4 the order of the names remaining unchanged. In the event that the
5 number of candidates exceeds the number of clusters, this process will
6 repeat with "Cluster No. 1" and so forth.

7 D. For purposes of this section, a "cluster" shall consist of one
8 or more precincts which need not be contiguous. The clusters of precincts
9 shall be numbered in consecutive order for purposes of ballot rotation of
10 candidates' names, and the City Clerk shall list the clusters by number and
11 identify which precincts are in each cluster. No cluster shall vary more
12 than 10 percent in the number of registered voters from other clusters in
13 the same councilmanic district. The number of clusters in each
14 councilmanic district shall equal the number of candidates nominated
15 pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10220 for that councilmanic
16 election, provided however, that the number of clusters shall not exceed
17 five (5) in each councilmanic district.

18 E. Within seven (7) days of the date of a Primary Nominating
19 Election, the City Clerk shall request that the Secretary of State conduct a
20 randomized alphabet drawing pursuant to California Elections Code
21 Section 13113. The results of such drawing shall determine the order on
22 the ballot of the candidates' names for the General Election, in accordance
23 with this Section.

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25 Section 2. This amendment to Section 1.21.060 of the Long Beach
26 Municipal Code is hereby approved as a pilot program to assist the City of Long Beach to
27 determine the effectiveness of a ballot rotation system and shall only be in effect for the
28 June 2012 election. Following the June 2012 election, this pilot program shall terminate

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1 and this amendment shall be null and void for all future elections unless authorized by
2 further action of the City of Long Beach City Council.

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4 Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by
5 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of
6 Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the
7 Mayor.

8 I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City
9 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of April 3, 2012, by the
10 following vote:

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12 Ayes: Councilmembers: Garcia, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske,
13 Johnson, Gabelich, Neal, Lowenthal.

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16 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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18 Absent: Councilmembers: Andrews.

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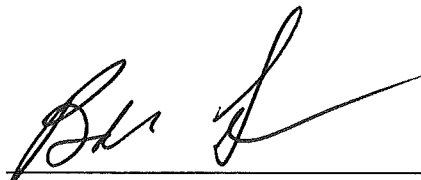
City Clerk

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Approved: 4/6/12
(Date)



Mayor

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