

## CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK

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**ELECTION BUREAU** 

December 9, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution declaring a vacancy in the office of: Member of the City Council for the First Council District and ordering, calling, providing for and giving notice of a Special Municipal Election to be held in the First Councilmanic District in the City of Long Beach on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, for the purpose of filling the Office of Member of the City Council for the First Councilmanic District for the remainder of the term of office terminating on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of July 2010.

Adopt a Resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to render specified services to the City relating to the conduct of a Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

### DISCUSSION

First District Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal was elected to the California State Assembly at the Statewide General Election held November 4, 2008. In accordance with City Charter Section 204, the City Council is required to declare this Council seat vacant and call a Special Municipal Election to fill the vacancy, to be held within 120 days of the declaration. In order to meet the City Charter deadlines, the election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 119 days from the adoption of the attached Resolution declaring the vacancy. With adoption of the recommended action, the candidate-filing period will open on December 29, 2008 and close on January 9, 2009.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Costs for a special election in the First Council District are estimated at \$136,000.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachments** 

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#### RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT AND ORDERING, CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH ON TUESDAY, THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2009, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM OF OFFICE TERMINATING ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY OF JULY 2010

WHEREAS, Bonnie Lowenthal, Councilmember from the 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District, was elected to the Office of Member of the State Assembly for the 54<sup>th</sup> District and has resigned her Council office effective December 1, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach does resolve, order, declare, proclaim and give notice as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 204 of the City Charter, the City Council finds and determines that there is a vacancy in the Office of Member of the City Council for the 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District.

Section 2. A Special Municipal Election is ordered, proclaimed and called to be held in the 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District in the City of Long Beach, California, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, to fill the Office of Member of the City Council for the 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District for the remainder of

Section 3. Notice is given of the holding and of the time and place of the Special Municipal Election. The candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast for all candidates shall be deemed to be and declared by the City Council to be elected to the Office of Member of the City Council for the 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District for the remainder of the present term which terminates on the 3rd Tuesday of July, 2010. Nomination papers shall be filed during the period commencing on December 29, 2008, at 7:30 A.M. and ending at 4:30 P.M. on January 9, 2009. All other particulars shall be held in accordance with the provisions of law governing the conduct of such elections in the City of Long Beach.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City

Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ by the following vote:

Ayes:	Councilmembers:	
Noes:	Councilmembers:	
Absent:	Councilmembers:	
		City Clerk