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August 24, 2021

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach in Opposition to the September 14, 2021, Recall Election of the Governor of California. (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the City Council's request on August 17, 2021, the City Attorney's Office has prepared the attached Resolution in opposition to the September 14, 2021, recall election of the Governor of California for the Council's review and approval.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By:

MONICA J. KILAITA  
Deputy City Attorney

Attachment:  
Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 RECALL ELECTION OF THE  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, the California Gubernatorial Recall  
Election will take place to determine whether the Governor of California will be recalled  
from office and, if so, who his replacement will be; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2021, the State Department of Finance estimated  
that the recall election will cost California and county election officials approximately \$276  
million, including \$243.6 million by counties and \$32.4 million by the Secretary of State to  
administer the recall, which is significantly higher than previous recall elections due to  
every voter in the State receiving a vote-by-mail ballot in addition to having the option to  
vote in-person; and

WHEREAS, California has faced unprecedented challenges and continues  
to grapple with the economic ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic with a future that  
remains uncertain and everchanging; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, California adopted the biggest  
economic recovery package in the State's history and has focused on providing  
expanding services and government support programs for those most in need; and

WHEREAS, while California continues to face the COVID-19 pandemic and  
the resulting economic crisis, it is fiscally imprudent for the State and counties to be  
forced to expend hundreds of millions of dollars on a recall election, rather than  
expending their collective resources on other pressing issues, including but not limited to  
the State's COVID-19 economic recovery and issues surrounding homelessness,  
wildfires, and/or infrastructure, all of which have a direct impact on residents and visitors

1 of the City of Long Beach; and

2 WHEREAS, since 1911, when the recall became part of California’s political  
3 system by providing a mechanism for the public to attempt to remove elected public  
4 officials from office before the end of their term, 179 recall attempts have been made  
5 against state officeholders and every governor since 1960 has faced at least one such  
6 attempt; and

7 WHEREAS, the fiscally responsible course of action would be for the  
8 Governor’s opponents to wait for the 2022 election cycle for voters to select an  
9 alternative candidate; and

10 WHEREAS, accordingly, and in support of the general public welfare, the  
11 City Council of the City of Long Beach wishes to support governmental fiscal  
12 responsibility by opposing the use of public funding for the recall election during a global  
13 pandemic and economic hardship;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
15 follows:

16 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby opposes  
17 the September 14, 2021 recall election of the Governor of California.

18 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
19 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021,  
by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recusal(s): Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk