



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance by amending and temporarily suspending section Long Beach Municipal Code Section 1.21.010 relating to the canvass of returns, Section 1.21.040 relating to ballot designations, and Section 1.21.050 relating to candidates' statements for the June 5, 2018 General Municipal Election only. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

On October 24, 2017, the City of Long Beach, City Council adopted Resolution No. RES-17-0128 ordering the June 5, 2018 General Municipal Election to be coordinated with the County of Los Angeles California Statewide Election.

To conduct this coordinated effort with the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, the following actions are required:

Adopt ordinance amending and temporarily suspending:

- A. Long Beach Municipal Code Section 1.21.010 relating to the canvass of returns for the June 5, 2018 City of Long Beach General Municipal Election only. This section of the Municipal Code requires the City Clerk to certify the election results of the City Council within twenty-one (21) days after the date of the election. To allow the coordinated election, this amendment would permit the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office to complete the canvass of returns within the 30-day time period after the election in accordance with California State Elections Code Section 15372. This amendment would sunset once the election was certified; and thereafter, the Municipal Code would revert to the original wording;
- B. Long Beach Municipal Code Section 1.21.040 (B) relating to ballot designations for the June 5, 2018 City of Long Beach General Municipal Election only. This section of the Municipal Code currently provides candidates a period of seven (7) days following the April 10, 2018 City of Long Beach Primary Nominating Election to submit a request in writing to the City Clerk for an alternate designation; to allow the coordinated election, this amendment would permit candidates three (3) days to submit a request for an alternative designation, consistent with Elections Code section 13107.

This amendment would sunset following certification of the June 5, 2018 election, and thereafter, the Municipal Code would revert to the original wording.

- C. Long Beach Municipal Code Section 1.21.050 relating to candidates' statements by adding a specified public examination period of five (5) days immediately following the candidate statement filing deadline for the June 5, 2018 City of Long Beach General Municipal Election only. This amendment would permit the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office to coordinate this task for the City's General Municipal Election. This amendment to the Municipal Code would sunset following certification of the June 5, 2018 election, and the Municipal Code would revert to its original wording.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Approval of the suggested actions would allow the City of Long Beach to continue to pursue coordinated efforts with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk office in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact related to the approval of this ordinance. The cost to conduct the June 5, 2018 General Municipal Election is \$1,117,000 and has already been budgeted for in the General Fund (GF).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



MONIQUE DE LA GARZA  
CITY CLERK

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Attachment