MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

Date: March 13, 2018

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Robert Garcia

Subject: Recommendation for June 5, 2018 Ballot Initiative Argument Writers

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution providing for the filing of primary and rebuttal arguments and setting rules for the filing of written arguments regarding a City Charter Amendment measure to be submitted at the June 5, 2018 General Municipal Election. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION:

On March 7, 2018, the City Council passed a resolution putting a Charter Amendment on the June 5, 2018 ballot regarding the transfer of funds from utilities to the City's general fund. As part of the ballot process there needs to be opportunity for primary and rebuttal arguments.

Pursuant to Long Beach Municipal Code Section 1.24.020, I designate the following people to write primary arguments:

For the City Measure:	Robert Garcia, Mayor, Michael Duree, Fire Chief, and Robert Luna, Police Chief
Against the City Measure:	Diana Lejins, Taxpayers Rights Advocate, E. Gerrie Schipske, Attorney, Thomas Stout Long Beach Taxpayers Association, and Joseph Weinstein, CARP If the four against the measure cannot agree upon a statement Mr. Stout from Long Beach Taxpayers Association will be the lead author and have final authority over the written argument.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:

City Council action is recommended on March 13, 2018 to meet the requirements mandated by the California Elections and Government Codes for placing a Charter Amendment on the June 5, 2018 ballot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Recommendation.