

June 12, 2018

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL & CHARTER AMENDMENT COMMITTEE City of Long Beach

RECOMMENDATION:

To consider and receive comments from the community regarding the following proposed amendment to the Long Beach City Charter: City Auditor Authority. A charter amendment to authorize the City Auditor to conduct performance audits, defined as independent assessments of programs, functions, operations, or management designed to enhance performance, cost savings, efficiency or service improvements of City departments, boards, commissions, and offices.

DISCUSSION:

City Charter Amendment Process

Under State law, a majority of Long Beach voters must approve any City Charter Amendment. The next available date to place this Charter amendment on the ballot will be November 6, 2018. To consider this amendment for the November 6, 2018 election, State law requires that there be three public hearings/meetings over the next 60 days. At each of these hearings/meetings there will be opportunities for discussion, receiving community input, and making changes to the Charter amendment language. The hearing/meeting dates are as follows:

- June 12, 2018 First public hearing: Receive staff presentation, hear public comment, direct staff to gather any further information or implement changes.
- July 17, 2018 Second public hearing: Receive any updated information, hear public comment, direct staff to gather any information or make amendment changes.
- August 7, 2018 Final meeting: Receive any updated information, hear public comment, make any final amendment changes, and if the City Council so chooses, adopt the required resolutions to place the Charter amendment on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Discussion of proposed amendments has no fiscal impact.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Consider proposed amendment to the Long Beach City Charter, receive comments from the community, and refer for second hearing on July 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Robert Garcia City of Long Beach Dated: June 4, 2018



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY AUDITOR LAURA DOUD CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 31, 2018

Members of the Long Beach City Council 333 West Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Proposed Charter Amendments

Dear Long Beach City Councilmembers:

Over the last few years, members of the community, City Commissions, and many of you have discussed ways to make our government more effective, efficient, and ethical. We strongly support efforts that open our city government to smart reforms.

Together, we are putting forward five charter amendments for consideration for the November ballot. They include a redistricting commission, an ethics commission, strengthening our term limit laws, defining the authority of the City Auditor, and consolidating our utility departments.

We believe these changes are good government measures and look forward to working with the City Council to put these measures before the voters of Long Beach to consider.

We look forward to the Charter Amendment committee meetings in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

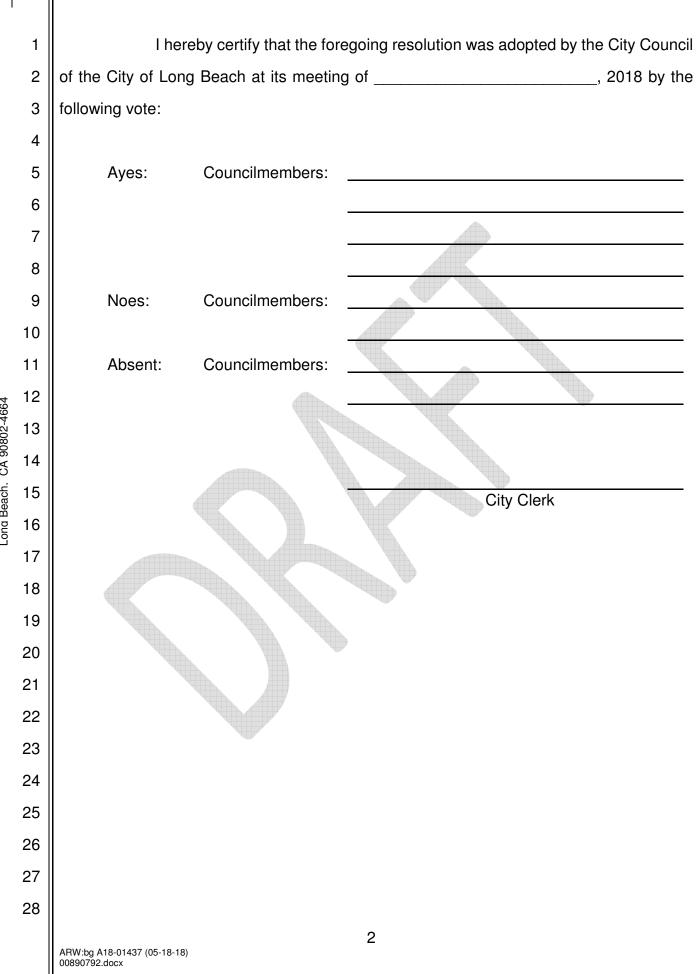
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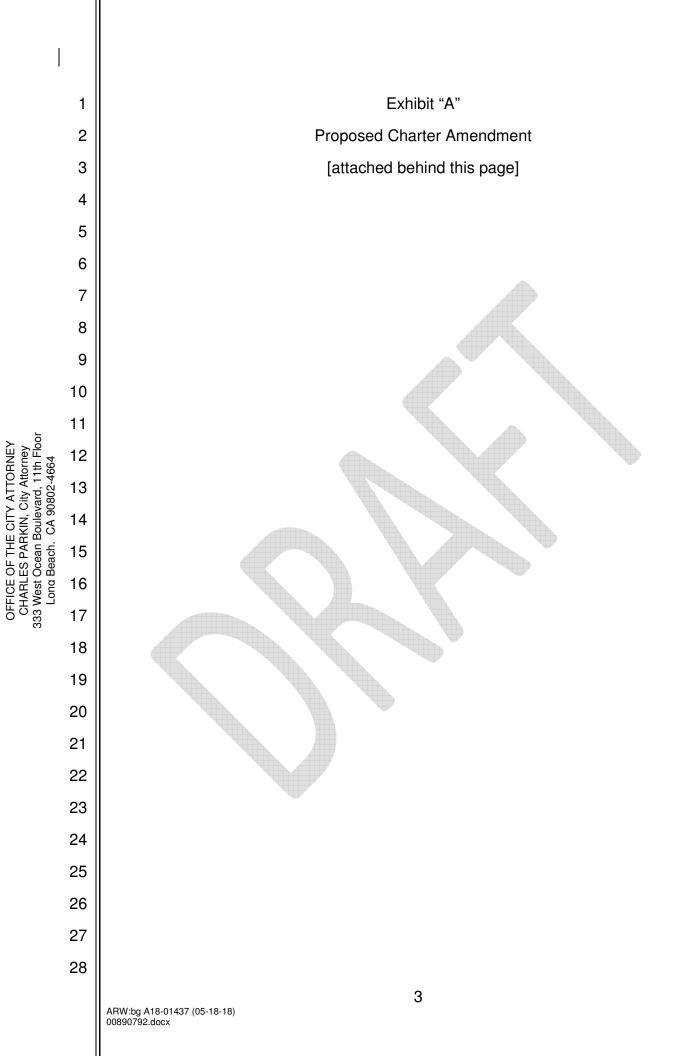
City Auditor Laura L. Doud

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	3	A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
	4	CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, PROPOSING AN
	5	AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATING TO THE
	6	CITY AUDITOR'S AUTHORITY
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	8	NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
	9	follows:
	10	Section 1. That the City Council, pursuant to its right and authority under
	11	Long Beach City Charter §1903 and California Government Code §34458, and all other
364	12	applicable California law, proposes that the City Charter be amended as shown in
Long Beach, CA 90802-4664	13	Attachment "A".
	14	Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
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MEASURE ""

SECTION 1. THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH DO HEREBY AMEND THE LONG BEACH CITY CHARTER BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE ____ TO THE CITY CHARTER:

"ARTICLE VIII – CITY AUDITOR.

Section 803. – Duties of the City Auditor

The City Auditor shall be the general auditor of the City and of every department, commission and office thereof. The City Auditor shall have the authority to conduct performance audits of departments, boards, commissions and Citv offices. Performance audits are defined as independent assessments of programs, functions, operations, or management designed to enhance performance, cost savings, efficiency or service improvements. The City Auditor, as often as the City Auditor shall deem it advisable, but in any case at least once in each fiscal year, and at such other times as the City Auditor shall be directed by the City Council, shall carefully examine and audit the books, records, accounts, funds and securities of all departments, boards, commissions and offices of the City for the purpose of determining: the accuracy and correctness of such books, records and accounts; that the City and Commissions thereof are receiving all monies, of whatsoever nature due it or them; and that such monies are allocated to the funds entitled thereto. Immediately upon the completion of such examination and audit, the City Auditor shall make and file with the City Council Clerk, in triplicate, a written report thereof. If, during the course of such examination and audit, the City Auditor discovers any irregularities, the City Auditor shall immediately make and file a written report thereof to the City CouncilClerk.

The City Auditor shall verify the cash in the City Treasury at least once a quarter and shall make a written report thereof to the City Council. Within the time provided by law, the City Auditor shall calculate the property tax rate and certify it to the City Council.

Sec. 806. - COPIES OF <u>RECORDS</u>, REPORTS AND CONTRACTS.

A certified copy of every contract in which the City or any of its commissions is a party shall be filed with the City Auditor within ten (10) days after execution. The City Auditor shall be furnished a copy of all reports of a financial nature prepared by any department, commission, office or agency of the City.—In the performance of his or her duties, the City Auditor shall have the right of immediate access to all <u>City</u> financial records of the City, including contracts, documents, systems, files and other internal records, not otherwise confidential pursuant to municipal, state or federal law..

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the People of the City

of Long Beach at a General Election held on November 6, 2018.

ROBERT GARCIA Mayor of the City of Long Beach

Attest:

Monique De La Garza City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Charles Parkin City Attorney

