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August 7, 2018

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Authorize and Order the Consolidation of a Citywide Special Municipal Election for Five Charter Amendments with the Statewide General Election to be Held on November 6, 2018; Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Render Specified Services to the City Relating to the Conduct of Said Special Municipal Election and Determining and Declaring that the City will Pay to the County Reasonable and Actual Expenses Incurred by the County on Account of the Consolidation of this Election.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of July 17, 2018, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By

AMY R. WEBBER
Deputy City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO AUTHORIZE AND ORDER THE CONSOLIDATION OF A CITYWIDE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR FIVE CHARTER AMENDMENTS WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018; REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF SAID SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND DETERMINING AND DECLARING THAT THE CITY WILL PAY TO THE COUNTY REASONABLE AND ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE COUNTY ON ACCOUNT OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF THIS ELECTION

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2018, the City Council of the City of Long Beach called a Special Municipal Election to be held on November 6, 2018 for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following proposed charter amendment(s) to be voted upon:

A. Amendment to the Long Beach City Charter Creating an independent citizens commission of Long Beach residents to determine the boundaries of City Council districts every ten (10) years after the national census;

B. Amendment to the Long Beach City Charter to create an ethics commission of Long Beach residents for the purpose of monitoring, administering and enforcing governmental ethics in the City of Long Beach;

1 C. Amendment to the Long Beach City Charter to limit the Mayor
2 and City Councilmembers to serving three (3) terms and to prohibit
3 individuals who have already served three (3) terms from being elected as
4 write-in candidates;

5 D. Amendment to the Long Beach City Charter to authorize the
6 City Auditor to conduct performance audits, defined as financial,
7 compliance, efficiency, economy, operational, or program audits or studies,
8 of any City department, board or commission;

9 E. Amendment to the Long Beach City Charter to consolidate the
10 existing gas, water and sewer utilities and potentially other future City-
11 operated utilities into a single utility department overseen by a five-member
12 Public Utilities Commission, the members of which shall be appointed by
13 the Mayor, subject to Council confirmation; and

14 WHEREAS, it is desirable that this Special Municipal Election for the above
15 city charter amendment(s) be consolidated with the statewide General Election to be held
16 on the same date and that the precincts, polling places and election officers for all the
17 elections be the same within the City and that the County of Los Angeles canvass the
18 returns of this Special Municipal Election and that the statewide General Election and the
19 Special Municipal Election be held in all respects as if there were only one election; and

20 WHEREAS, in the course of conduct of these elections, it will be necessary
21 to mail sample ballots and polling place information to the registered voters of the City,
22 and it will facilitate such mailing if the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of
23 Los Angeles will make available to the City the computer record of the names and
24 addresses of all eligible registered voters in order that labels may be printed for attaching
25 to self-mailer sample ballot pamphlets; and

26 WHEREAS, all necessary expenses in performing this service shall be paid
27 by the City of Long Beach;

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
2 follows:

3 Section 1. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 10403 of the
4 California Elections Code, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is
5 requested to authorize and order the consolidation of the Special Municipal Election with
6 the statewide General Election to be held in the State of California on November 6, 2018,
7 for the purpose of submitting the following charter amendment(s) to Long Beach voters:

8 9 10 11 12	"City of Long Beach Term Limits Amendment. Shall the City Charter be amended to limit the Mayor and City Councilmembers to serving three terms and to prohibit individuals who have already served three terms from being elected as write-in candidates?"	Yes
		No

13 14 15	"City of Long Beach Ethics Commission. Shall the City Charter be amended to create an ethics commission of Long Beach residents for the purpose of monitoring, administering and enforcing governmental ethics in the City of Long Beach?"	Yes
		No

16 17 18 19	"Authority of Long Beach City Auditor to Conduct Performance Audits. Shall the City Charter be amended to authorize the City Auditor to conduct performance audits, defined as financial, compliance, efficiency, economy, operational, or program audits or studies, of any City department, board or commission?"	Yes
		No

20 21 22 23	"City of Long Beach Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Shall the City Charter be amended to create an independent citizens commission of Long Beach residents to determine the boundaries of City Council districts every ten years after the national census?"	Yes
		No

24 25 26 27 28	"Long Beach Utility Consolidation. Shall the City Charter be amended to consolidate the existing gas, water and sewer utilities and potentially other future City-operated utilities into a single utility department overseen by a five-member Public Utilities Commission, the members of which shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to Council confirmation?"	Yes
		No

1 Section 2. The Board of Supervisors is authorized and further requested
2 by the City Council to canvass the returns of the Special Municipal Election or to cause
3 the returns to be canvassed by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, all as prescribed in
4 the Elections Code. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one
5 election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. Pursuant to California Elections
6 Code Sections 10403 and 10418, the election will be held and conducted in accordance
7 with the provisions of law regulating the Statewide General Election.

8 Section 3. The City Council determines and declares that the City will
9 pay to the County the reasonable and actual expenses incurred by the County by the
10 consolidation of the Special Municipal Election with the statewide General Election. The
11 City Manager of the City of Long Beach is authorized and directed to pay for the
12 expenses incurred after receiving a statement from the County of Los Angeles.

13 Section 4. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 10002 of the
14 Elections Code of the State of California, the City Council requests the Board of
15 Supervisors of the County to permit the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to provide all
16 services necessary for the lawful and effective conduct of the special election to be held
17 on November 6, 2018, and make available to the City additional assistance according to
18 state law.

19 Section 5. That the City shall reimburse the County for services
20 performed when the work is completed and upon presentation to the City of a properly
21 approved bill.

22 Section 6. That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit a
23 certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles
24 and the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk , along with a copy of the resolution calling the
25 Special Municipal Election.

26 Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
27 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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