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TO: Mayor Robert Garcia, Long Beach City Council Members, City Auditor, City Clerk

Subject: Input on proposed charter amendments

I am opposed to the City using our tax dollars to fund a special election in November for the purpose of voting on the 5 charter amendments. The process for vetting what is important to the community needs to include meetings held at times working people can attend (not 3pm in the afternoon) and in a location that is convenient to the residents in the various districts (not City Hall). There should not be a rush to spend half a million dollars on topics that are not important to the community. Four of the five proposed amendments could arguably be implemented without a special election and the 5th item — extending term limits — does not reflect the will of the people, who have already voted for 2 terms. The excuse that is being given for extending term limits is a thinly veiled effort at spin control for a proposal that is a self-serving power grab and not true reform. Two terms are enough. The write-in process works well enough for a representative the public endorses.

Regards,

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