



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution ordering, calling and providing for and giving notice of a Special Municipal Election to be held in the City of Long Beach on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose of submitting a proposed charter amendment to a vote of the qualified electors of the City relating to the City Auditor's Authority; directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the charter amendment; and providing for the filing of primary and rebuttal arguments and setting rules for the filing of written arguments regarding a proposed charter amendment to be submitted at said election.

On June 12, 2018 and July 17, 2018, the City Council and the Charter Amendment Committee concluded two joint public hearings on a proposed Charter Amendment relating to the City Auditor's Authority. This third public meeting fulfills the requirements of City Charter §1903 and California Government Code §34458.

It is now recommended that this proposed Charter Amendment be placed on the November 6, 2018 ballot. To place the Charter Amendment on the ballot, the City Council must (i) call for the General Municipal Election and authorize the Charter Amendment language to be on the ballot; and (ii) request a consolidated election.

Pursuant to the request of the Charter Amendment Committee at its meeting of July 17, 2017, Section 806 was revised to read as follows: "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 timely and responsible access to all requested City records, including but not limited to financial records, contracts, documents, systems, files, property and other internal records, unless restricted or prohibited by law."

It is requested that the words "and responsible" and "requested" be deleted for clarity's sake, as follows:

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The Council will consider a total of six potential ballot measures for the November Ballot: the Hotel Workplace & Restriction item, which was qualified via petition, in addition to the five other measures the Council has been deliberating. The exact cost of the election will not be

known until after the Council determines which, if any, measures will be placed on the November 2018 Ballot, but it is estimated that a single ballot question will cost approximately \$470,000 with each additional question costing an additional \$45,000. The Proposed FY 19 budget includes funds to cover several November ballot items.

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