



## Legislation Text

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**Recommendation to consider and receive comments from the community regarding the following proposed amendment to the Long Beach City Charter:** Utility Consolidation Measure. A charter amendment to consolidate the administration of the Water Department and the Gas Department under a single utility commission.

### 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.

Discussion of proposed amendments has no fiscal impact.

Consider proposed amendment to the Long Beach City Charter, receive comments from the community, and refer for final hearing on August 7.

MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA