



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Request City Attorney to prepare a resolution in support of SB 1050 (Bowen).

**DISCUSSION**

Current law provides that each voter is entitled to write the name of any candidate for any public office on the ballot of any election; however, the ballot will only be counted if the candidate is a "qualified" write-in candidate. Current law also provides that when the name of the qualified write-in candidate is written in the write-in space provided on the ballot, that the corresponding bubble must be marked. Ballots with the names in the write-in space are inspected by hand to determine eligibility.

SB 1050 (Bowen) specifies that the requirement that the voting space be marked is "for the convenience of the elections official counting the ballot" and that, if the name of a qualified write-in candidate is written in the blank space provided, failure by a voter to mark the voting space shall not preclude the voter's ballot from being counted if the intent of the voter can be determined.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

This bill is currently in the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee, and is scheduled for hearing June 21, 2005.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**SUGGESTED ACTION**

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Herrera".

LARRY HERRERA  
CITY CLERK