



CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT
Long Beach, California

NB-34

LARRY HERRERA
City Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
Monique De La Garza
Administrative Officer

ELECTIONS BUREAU
Poonam Davis
City Clerk Bureau Manager

LEGISLATIVE BUREAU
Merianne Nakagawa
City Clerk Bureau Manager

July 3, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to request that the City Council receive the certification of results concerning the sufficiency of an Initiative to Amend the Long Beach City Charter to Change the dates of the Primary and General Municipal Elections; and request the City Attorney to prepare the required resolutions for consolidation of the Initiative with the State General Election to be held on November 6, 2012.

DISCUSSION

On June 18, 2012, Mr. Chris Robson, submitted petitions to the City Clerk Department for signature verification to determine whether the initiative would qualify for as a Charter Amendment to be voted upon by registered voters in the City of Long Beach.

California Elections Code Section 9255, et. seq., and City Charter Section 2000 govern amendments to the Long Beach City Charter.

After a "prima facie" review of the petitions (as required by Elections Code Section 9113), the City Clerk Department determined that the petitions contained 44,995 signatures. Upon the completion of the review, the City Clerk Department is then required to conduct a signature check either by verification of all 44,995 signatures (Elections Code Section 9114), or a by random sampling of 1,351 signatures (Elections Code Section 9115).

For the petition to be deemed sufficient pursuant to Elections Code Section 9115, the random sample needed to yield, on a projected basis, 34,437 valid signatures of Long Beach registered voters.

Based on the authorized random sample, the petition has been projected to contain the signatures of 31,210 Long Beach voters and therefore, this result must be certified at the next regular meeting of the City Council (see Elections Code Section 9115 (f)).

As City Charter Section 2000 requires that the Initiative be placed upon the ballot for the November 6, 2012, State-wide General Election, adoption of the recommended action fulfills all mandated requirements.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Upon adoption of recommended action, the City Attorney will prepare resolutions requesting that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approve its consolidation on the statewide ballot. The necessary resolutions must be adopted by the City Council no later than August 7, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Department estimates that consolidation of this measure, and the previously qualified initiative ordinance, will cost the City General fund \$471,000.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


LARRY HERRERA
CITY CLERK

Attachment



July 3, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Pursuant to Section 9033 of the Elections Code, I hereby certify that on July 3, 2012 the certificates received from the proponents of the proposed initiative by the City of Long Beach that the INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LONG BEACH CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE DATES OF THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. (Petition #11615) has been signed by the requisite number of qualified electors needed to declare the petition sufficient. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LONG BEACH CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE DATES OF THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. (Petition #11615) is, therefore, qualified.

INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LONG BEACH CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE DATES OF THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. This measure requires the City of Long Beach to hold City elections on the same date as State and Federal elections. This simple step will save taxpayers millions over the long run and make it easier for more Long Beach residents to vote. With so many state, city and special elections happening all the time, it gets harder and harder for people to vote in every election. So, sign this simple petition, save taxpayer money, and make life a little easier on everybody, including the hundreds of people who have to staff the polls and count the ballots.

PETITION REC'D	RAW COUNT	RANDOM SAMPLE	VALID SIGS.	INVALID	DUP.	VALIDITY RATE	%
6/18/2012	44,995	1351	1034	314	3	31,210	69.30%

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of the City of Long Beach this 3rd day of July, 2012.

LARRY HERRERA
City Clerk