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January 12, 2011

Larry Herrera, City Clerk
City of Long Beach
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Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: City of Long Beach Elections Oversight Committee

Dear Mr. Herrera:

This responds to your December 8, 2010 letter in which you request assistance for this office in making a presentation before the City of Long Beach Elections Oversight Committee regarding consolidation of City municipal elections with the statewide elections held in even-numbered years. Please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

With regard to consolidation, California Elections Code sets forth the process by which a City can request to consolidate municipal elections with statewide contests. Such a request is submitted to the county Board of Supervisors, which then has the discretion to determinate the feasibility of such a request.

Unfortunately, the ballot layout software currently in use in Los Angeles County has limited capacity and cannot accommodate municipal elections on the same ballot as statewide elections. The volume of candidates encumbering limited vote positions, in addition to other contests and measures presented to the voters exceeds the vote recorder page capacity of our current InkaVote *Plus* voting system; therefore our recommendation to the Board of Supervisors is to deny requests for such consolidation.

As you know, we are in the midst of conducting a Voting Systems Assessment Project (VSAP) that will guide the replacement and modernization of the voting systems used in Los Angeles County. As part of the VSAP, we will be looking at the feasibility of identifying a solution that is more flexible in considering requests by cities to consolidate with statewide elections conducted in even-numbered years. At this time, we are not in a position to assert the likelihood or the timeframe under which that might occur.

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If you or members of the Elections Oversight Committee have questions beyond the scope of what I have addressed in this letter, please let me know and we will make every effort to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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DEAN C. LOGAN
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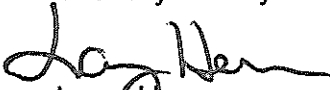
Dear Mr. Logan,

In follow up to my call of December 1, 2010, the City of Long Beach Elections Oversight Committee (EOC) requests that your office make a presentation on the consolidation of our City's municipal elections with the statewide elections conducted in even-numbered calendar years.

The discussion of consolidation took place during the EOC meeting of November 30, 2010. A video of the meeting discussion is available under the City's homepage agenda link at www.longbeach.gov.

So that an EOC meeting date can be set for your presentation, in either January or February 2011, please call me at (562) 607-3366.

Thank you very much,


Larry Herrera
City Clerk

CC: Robert Garcia, 1st District Council Office, EOC Chair
Gary DeLong, 3rd District Council Office
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