

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR A CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE TO CHANGE THE TIMING AND FORMAT OF FUTURE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS TO OCCUR ON STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION DATES HELD IN EVEN YEARS, CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW, UTILIZING THE PLURALITY VOTING FORMAT, SUBMITTED AT A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018

WHEREAS, Section 9285 of the California Elections Code authorizes the City Council, by majority vote, to adopt provisions for the filing of rebuttal arguments for city measures submitted at municipal elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Pasadena does resolve, declare, determine, and order as follows, that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code, when the elections official has selected the arguments for and against the measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the elections official shall send a copy of an argument in favor of the measure to the authors of any argument against the measure, and a copy of an argument against the measure to the authors of any argument in favor of the measure immediately upon receiving the arguments.

The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to a City measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument not exceeding 250 words or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five persons.

The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers, not more than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 15, if the deadline for the final filing date falls on a Sunday, the deadline shall be extended to the following business day. The rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the Declaration by Author(s) form to be supplied by the City Clerk.

Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 shall apply only to the Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, and shall then be repealed.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of February, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Theresa Fuentes
Assistant City Attorney