



**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OCTOBER 28, 2019
ITEM NO. 17**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR
THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION
AND NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**





RESOLUTIONS

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1. Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the March Primary Municipal Election, and if necessary, November General Municipal Election
 - > Calls and gives notice of the March 3, 2020 Primary Municipal Election, for the Office of Mayor and Council Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6;
 - > Submits an Initiative Petition Ballot Measure to the Voters as part of the Primary Municipal Election;
 - > If necessary, calls and gives notice of the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election for any runoff required (lack of a 50% plus one majority winner in Primary);
 - > Consolidates Pasadena Municipal Elections with Statewide Elections, to be run by Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

2. Resolution Requesting Board of Supervisors' Approval of Election Consolidation
 - > Submits request to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to consent and agree to election consolidations for Primary and General Elections;
 - > Directs Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to conduct said elections on behalf of City



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3. Resolution Setting Forth Regulations Relating to Candidate Statements

- > Candidates to pay costs associated with printing their candidate statements in English; City to pay costs for translated statements in required languages
- > Limited to 200 words on candidate's qualifications, non-partisan, due at the time of filing nomination papers;
- > Deposit amounts: \$1,900 for the Office of Mayor and \$400 for the City Council district races



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4. Resolution Setting Priorities for Primary Arguments and Directing the City Attorney to Prepare Impartial Analysis
 - > City Council's opportunity to designate the full City Council or select Councilmembers to prepare and submit arguments in opposition to Initiative Petition Ballot Measure
 - If full City Council designated, no more than five signatures will appear in the Voter Information Booklet (typically Mayor organizes)
 - If no members designated, reverts back to Elections Code Section 9282
 - » Individual voter, bona fide association of citizens, or combination thereof
 - Motion and Second to designate _____ to prepared and sign the opposition argument on behalf of the City Council
 - > Direct City Attorney to prepare Impartial Analysis
5. Resolution Allowing for Rebuttal Arguments for Initiative Petition Ballot Measure (optional)
 - > At City Council's discretion, allows and provides details for the filing of rebuttal arguments



BALLOT MEASURE QUESTIONS

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Proposed Alternative Language for Initiative Petition Ballot Measure Question
(limited to 75 words):

An Initiative to Allow Operation of Cannabis Businesses That Previously Operated Illegally, In Violation of the Pasadena Municipal Code - Shall an ordinance be adopted to allow cannabis businesses that previously operated illegally to: operate without a permit required of legal cannabis businesses; sell cannabis near sensitive uses such as churches, parks, libraries, and residential zones; and increase the number of such businesses beyond the limits adopted by the voters until 2025?	YES	
	NO	



FISCAL IMPACT

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- Adopted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Election Budget is \$600,000
- Estimated County election related expenses exceeds budget
 - Attachment A provides an estimated cost for five candidate races and one ballot measure totaling approximately \$637,500
- Actual election costs will vary based on several factors:
 - Number of candidates on the ballot
 - Fluctuations in voter registration
 - Vote by Mail voter counts
 - Associated costs for the County's new voting system and process
- City Clerk's Office will return as part of a future budget clean-up report to request additional appropriation of funds



MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

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1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) (General Rule):
2. Adopt a resolution **(AS AMENDED)** of the City Council of the City of Pasadena calling and giving notice for the holding of a Primary Municipal Election to be held on March 3, 2020 for the Office of Mayor and for members of the City Council in Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6; the submission of an initiative petition ballot measure to allow operation of cannabis businesses that previously operated illegally, in violation of the Pasadena Municipal Code; and if necessary, the calling and giving notice for the holding of a General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020;
3. Adopt a resolution **(AS AMENDED)** of the City Council of the City of Pasadena requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to approve the consolidation of the March 3, 2020 Primary Municipal Election, and if necessary, the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election with the Statewide Primary and General Elections, and direct the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to administer said elections on behalf of the City;
4. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena setting forth regulations relating to candidate statements for the March 3, 2020 Primary Municipal Election, and if necessary, the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election;
5. Adopt a resolution **(AS AMENDED)** of the City Council of the City of Pasadena setting priorities for the filing of written arguments pertaining to an initiative petition ballot measure to allow operation of cannabis businesses that previously operated illegally, in violation of the Pasadena Municipal Code; and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis; and
6. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for an initiative petition ballot measure to allow operation of cannabis businesses that previously operated illegally, in violation of the Pasadena Municipal Code.



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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