

# Agenda Report

July 18, 2022

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CITY CLERK**

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THE CALLING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4.109 OF TITLE 4 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, THE LIBRARY SPECIAL TAX, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTES CAST BY VOTERS VOTING ON THE PROPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 21065 and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project;
- (2) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles approve the consolidation of the November 8, 2022 Pasadena General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Pasadena an ordinance Extending and Amending Chapter 4.109 of Title 4 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, the Library Special Tax, subject to the approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposal within the City of Pasadena (Exhibit A to the resolution); and direct the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to administer said election on behalf of the City of Pasadena;
- (3) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena setting priorities for filing written arguments pertaining to Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure; and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis; and
- (4) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments with respect to the Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure.

**BACKGROUND**

On July 11, 2022, the City Council directed the preparation of election materials to place the Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot. By approving the staff recommendation and adopting the resolutions, the proposed measure will be submitted to the voters of Pasadena at the November 8, 2022 General Election, requiring a 2/3 majority of “YES” votes cast to be adopted.

Proposed Ballot Measure Language

Following, is the full text of the Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure question:

<b>Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure</b> To keep libraries well-maintained; provide library books/materials, youth reading/homework programs; maintain library hours/days open; retain qualified librarians; ensure computer access; shall the City of Pasadena continue the voter-approved annual parcel tax, currently \$41 for single-family residences and condominium units and specified rates for other parcel types, generating \$2,800,000 annually for 15 years, limiting annual increases to the Consumer Price Index; requiring audits, locally controlled funds, be adopted?	<b>YES</b>	
	<b>NO</b>	

Adoption of Resolutions

Adoption of the three resolutions will accomplish the following: (1) formally call the City of Pasadena General Municipal Election for the submission of Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure to City voters; request the Board of Supervisors to order the consolidation of the Pasadena General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022; and direct the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to conduct the election on behalf of the City; (2) set priority order for the filing of written arguments for the measure, and direct the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis; and (3) authorize the filing of rebuttal arguments.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total cost for submitting two City ballot measures (Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure and Rent Control Charter Amendment Initiative Petition Measure) to voters as part of the November 2022 Statewide General Election is estimated to cost approximately \$355,000. The following chart provides a breakdown of these projected election expenses:


## CITY OF PASADENA - 2022 - General Election

### CITY OF PASADENA - At Large

<i>Voter Count</i>	<i>Rate Breakdown</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Registered Voters (RV)	88,886	
<i>Election Operations (rate * RV)</i>	\$2.4502 * 88886	\$217,788.48
<i>Vote By Mail Processing (rate * RV)</i>	\$0.5422 * 88886	\$48,193.99
<i>Sample Ballot Processing and Printing</i>		
Office(s)/Seat(s) (rate * No. of Offices * RV)	\$0.0146 * 0 * 88886	\$0.00
Measures(s) (rate * No. of Measures * RV)	\$0.0146 * 2 * 88886	\$2,595.47
Measure Text (rate * No. of Text Pages for all measures * RV)	\$0.0440 * 14 * 88886	\$54,753.78
Voting Information (rate * RV)	\$0.3268 * 88886	\$29,047.94
<i>Candidate Filing and Campaign Finance (rate * No. of Candidates)</i>	\$1440.7155 * 0	\$0.00
<b>Election Preparation Cost (Flat rate per jurisdiction)</b>		<b>\$1,841.42</b>
<b>CITY OF PASADENA TOTAL ESTIMATE</b>		<b>\$354,221.08</b>

Sufficient funds are available in the City Clerk's Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget, Account No. 10113002-811400, to cover these expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Mark Jomsky, CMC  
 City Clerk

#### Resolutions:

- Calling and Consolidating Election; and Requesting Election Services from County of Los Angeles (Exhibit A – Library Special Tax Ordinance text, extending and amending Chapter 4.109 – Title 4 of the Pasadena Municipal Code)
- Setting Priorities for Filing Arguments; City Attorney to Prepare Impartial Analysis
- Authorizing the Filing of Rebuttal Arguments