

Agenda Report

DATE: October 23, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARTER STUDY TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the Common-Sense Exemption, which states that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (2) Approve the following appointments to the Charter Study Task Force:

Lena Kennedy – District 1 Nomination
Margaret McAustin – District 2 Nomination
Marcus D. Hatcher – District 3 Nomination
Paul Novak – District 4 Nomination
Liberty McCoy – District 5 Nomination
Ken Chawkins – District 6 Nomination
Andy Wilson – District 7 Nomination
Vince Farhat – Mayor Nomination
Raul Salinas – At Large Nomination

BACKGROUND:

On September 18, 2023, the City Council approved the charge and scope for a Charter Study Task Force to examine governance issues and consider changes to the City Charter. The Task Force will assist the City Council with a review of the City Governance Charter Amendment topics and submit any recommended amendments to the City Charter as part of a Final Report due in May/June 2024.

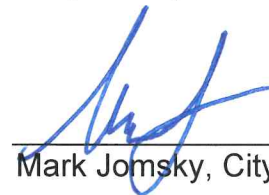
The proposed action formalizes the appointments to the Task Force, which will then begin to meet and work on the assigned topics. Task Force meetings will comply with the Brown Act and be open to the public. Included as Attachment A to this report are all Task Force applications received by the City Clerk's Office, including applications from the individuals nominated to serve.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost for supporting the work of a Charter Study Task Force is estimated by City staff to be approximately \$150,000. This amount includes expenditures for meeting support, video broadcasting, translation services, and technical consultant services.

Funds to cover anticipated expenses for the Task Force currently exist within the City Clerk's FY 2024 adopted Elections Budget, Account 10113002. However, due to outside factors impacting unknown overall and final elections costs for the City's upcoming Primary Municipal Election, it may become necessary for City staff to return to the City Council and request additional funds to cover final election-related invoices from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RRCC) and other election vendors. Factors that may impact the City Clerk's Election Budget include changes to the Los Angeles County election cost estimator and related formula for cities, added expenses to cover the City's special election (Council District 3), and potential Charter Amendment ballot measures anticipated for the March 2024 Primary election ballot.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

Attachment A – Applications Received to Serve on the Charter Study Task Force