



# Agenda Report

December 9, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** City Clerk

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE “CERTIFICATE OF THE CANVASS OF THE ELECTION RETURNS” AS PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR THE PASADENA GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATED WITH THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION**

**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; and
- (2) Adopt a resolution accepting the “Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Returns” (Exhibit A to the resolution) as prepared and certified by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Pasadena General Municipal Election, consolidated with the Statewide General Election held on November 5, 2024, resulting in the passage of Measure PL (Library Bond Measure), and Charter Amendment Measures PA, PB, PC, PF, and PR, amending the Pasadena City Charter.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 5, 2024, a General Municipal Election was held in the City of Pasadena consolidated with the Statewide General Election and administered by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Following are the results for six City ballot measures submitted to Pasadena voters for their consideration:

**LIBRARY BOND MEASURE**

**MEASURE PL – PASADENA CENTRAL LIBRARY EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT, REPAIR, UPGRADE MEASURE** Shall the measure to earthquake retrofit the 97-year-old library building; meet current fire safety regulations; replace the leaky roof; remove asbestos/mold/lead paint; update outdated technology; restore Pasadena Central Library services by the City of Pasadena issuing \$195,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$28.90 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, generating \$12,000,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, requiring independent audits, public spending disclosure, all funds staying local, be adopted?

The election resulted in the passage of Measure PL (required 2/3 of votes cast) by the following vote:

Yes:	44,835 votes	(72.42%)
No:	17,074 votes	(27.58%)

As a result of the passage of Measure PL, resulting from the Measure receiving more than the required 2/3 voter approval of the ballots cast, City staff will begin the process of finalizing the plans for the Central Library Renovation Project and return to the City Council to issue the General Obligation Bonds in the first quarter of 2025.

**CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURES PA, PB, PC, PF, & PR**

**MEASURE PA** – Shall amendments to Pasadena City Charter, Article IV, to require special elections: 1) to fill Council District vacancies if two or more years remain on an unexpired term, or 2) if the City Council fails to appoint a replacement to fill an unexpired term of less than two years within 75 days of the vacancy being declared; to establish a 30-day City residency requirement for appointed office; and to make other administrative revisions, including those restricting changes to Campaign Contribution Limits, be adopted?

Yes:	49,877 votes	(86.41%)
No:	7,841 votes	(13.59%)

**MEASURE PB** – Shall amendments to Pasadena City Charter, Article IV, requiring the Organizational Meeting of the City Council to occur annually in December, the Vice Mayor's election to occur annually at the Organizational Meeting for a term of one year; and creating an Acting Mayor position to serve in the Mayor's role in the event of a Mayoral vacancy, with the Acting Mayor to be chosen from among the remaining members of the City Council, be adopted?

Yes:	48,524 votes	(85.60%)
No:	8,163 votes	(14.40%)

**MEASURE PC** – Shall amendments to Pasadena City Charter, Article IV, to establish term limits of no more than three consecutive terms for the elected offices of Mayor and Councilmember, respectively, and allowing an additional two terms after at least a four-year hiatus from the elected office held, for a maximum of five total terms in the same office, be adopted?

Yes:	47,398 votes	(81.96%)
No:	10,432 votes	(18.04%)

**MEASURE PF** – Shall an amendment to Section 1502 of the Pasadena City Charter to ensure continued fire and police representation on the Pasadena Fire and Police Retirement System Board by allowing fire and police trustees to be selected pursuant to a policy approved by resolution of the Retirement Board, be adopted?

Yes:	48,196 votes	(85.64%)
No:	8,082 votes	(14.36%)

**MEASURE PR** – Shall amendments to Pasadena City Charter, Article XVIII, that align senior and disabled definitions, and eviction rules with state law; exempt certain government-subsidized housing from rent control; adjust relocation assistance timelines for certain evictions; establish processes for Board Member removal due to misconduct and for voter-initiated petitions; clarify penalties for violations; update various dates and deadlines; and make other minor corrections, be adopted?

Yes:	35,351 votes	(63.87%)
No:	19,999 votes	(36.13%)

As a result of the passage of Charter Amendment Measures PA, PB, PC, PF, and PR (as indicated by the vote totals detailed above), the City Clerk's staff will file with the California Secretary of State's Office the certified election results, along with the various City Charter provision amendments to the Pasadena City Charter as approved by Pasadena voters. Following the filing and certification by the Secretary of State's Office, staff will work with the City's CivicPlus, the City's municipal code publishing company and City Graphics Design team to coordinate a reprint of the full City Charter, 2024 Edition.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

In August 2024, the City Clerk’s Office reported that a Supplemental Voter Information Pamphlet would be prepared and mailed to City of Pasadena voters to ensure that Pasadena voters would be able to focus on, and be aware of, each of the six City ballot measures. The cost for printing the guide was approximately \$170,000 plus postage. The final cost of the Pasadena General Municipal Election will be tabulated upon receipt of all invoices, including the cost for printing and distributing the Supplemental Voter Information Pamphlet and the election administration invoice to be prepared by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Based on estimates provided by the County, as well as known costs incurred by City staff in support of the City’s election, it is believed that sufficient funds exist in the City Clerk’s 2024-25 Election budget to cover all election-related expenses. If final costs exceed budgeted funds available, City staff will return with a request for additional funding to cover any excess costs.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mark Jomsky  
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CANVASS**

- **EXHIBIT A – “CERTIFICATE OF THE CANVASS OF THE ELECTION RETURNS”**
- **EXHIBIT B – CHARTER AMENDMENT, CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE, ARTICLE IV (MEASURES PA, PB, & PC)**
- **EXHIBIT C – CHARTER AMENDMENT, PASADENA FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD, SECTION 1502 (MEASURE PF)**
- **EXHIBIT D – CHARTER AMENDMENT, RENT CONTROL, ARTICLE XVIII (MEASURE PR)**