



CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY MANAGER
JULY 29, 2024
ITEM NO. 4

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR
THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TO SUBMIT THREE CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURES
TO CITY OF PASADENA VOTERS
RELATED TO CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE IV,
CITY GOVERNANCE ISSUES





RESOLUTIONS

Office of the City Clerk

1. **Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the November General Municipal Election to Submit Three Charter Amendment Measures**
 - > Calls and gives notice of the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election
 - > Submits three Charter Amendment Measures to the Voters as part of the City's General Municipal Election;
 - > Consolidates Pasadena Municipal Elections with Statewide Elections, to be administered by Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and requests Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to consent and agree to election consolidations for the General Election; and
 - > Requests Board of Supervisors direct Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to conduct said elections on behalf of City.



BALLOT MEASURE QUESTIONS

Office of the City Clerk

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	NO	

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	NO	

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RESOLUTION – PRIMARY ARGUMENTS

Office of the City Clerk

2. Resolution Setting Priorities for Primary Arguments and Directing the City Attorney to Prepare Impartial Analysis
 - > City Council to designate a member or members to prepare and sign arguments
 - > No more than five signatures can appear on primary argument
 - > Five different signatures can appear on rebuttal argument
 - For each question, City Council can designate one or more authors
 - If no members designated, reverts to Elections Code Section 9282
 - » Individual voter, bona fide association of citizens, or combination voters and bona fide associations
 - > Directs City Attorney to prepare Impartial Analysis for each measure



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	NO	

- Motion and Second to designate _____ to prepare and sign argument for ballot measure above.
 - » For purposes of AB 1416 – Does unanimous support exist for this measure? If yes, then ballot label: “Mayor & City Council” can be used by designated signers on behalf of the City Council
 - » If the above question is determined by the County to be 76 words, staff will administratively strike the “other” (highlighted above) from the question.



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3. 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



FISCAL IMPACT

Office of the City Clerk

- Adopted Fiscal Year 2025 Election Budget is \$550,000
- Estimated County election related expenses for ballot measures: \$80,000 per measure
- Actual election costs will vary based on several factors:
 - Number of City Ballot Measures (6 total City measures)
 - Fluctuations in voter registration
 - Vote by Mail voter counts
- City Clerk's Office will return as part of a future budget clean-up report, if necessary, to request additional appropriation of funds
- Staff proposes preparation of a separate Voter Information Pamphlet specific to Pasadena (approx. \$125K) – sent to all Pasadena voters
 - Ballot Question
 - Impartial Analysis
 - Arguments
 - Measure Text



STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Office of the City Clerk

It is recommended that the City Council take the following action:

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;
2. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena calling a General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Pasadena, consolidated with the Statewide General Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting three ballot measures to amend the Pasadena City Charter, Article IV, related to City Council Governance Issues (as amended);
3. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena setting priorities for the filing of written arguments pertaining to each ballot measure; and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of each measure (incorporating designations for arguments);
4. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for each measure; and
5. Authorize the City Clerk to prepare, print, and mail a Pasadena-specific Voter Information Pamphlet to send to Pasadena voters containing information on six City of Pasadena ballot measures, at an estimated cost of \$125,000.



QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS

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ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Office of the City Clerk

Section 401. - NUMBER AND TERM

- A. There shall be a City Council consisting of a Mayor and seven Councilmembers. The seven Councilmembers shall be nominated and elected by district as provided in this Charter. Except as **otherwise** provided in ~~subsection B~~ **this Charter**, the term of office of the Mayor and Councilmembers shall be four years.
- ~~B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, to transition to new election dates starting in 2018, the terms of office of the Mayor and Councilmembers elected in 2015 shall expire in December 2020 and the terms of office of Councilmembers elected in the year 2017 shall expire in December 2022.~~
- ~~C.~~**B.** Beginning in the year 2020, the terms of office of the Mayor and Councilmembers elected from Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6 shall commence in the year 2020 and in each fourth anniversary of the year 2020, and the terms of office of the Councilmembers elected from Districts 3, 5, and 7 shall commence in the year 2022 and in each fourth anniversary of the year 2022. The terms of office of the Mayor and Councilmembers shall commence at the time of the City's organizational meeting held on the fifth Monday following the statewide general election and until their respective successors are elected and have duly qualified.

Section 403. - VACANCY DEFINED.

If the Mayor shall cease to be a resident of the City or if any Councilmember shall cease to be a resident of the district, respectively, from which elected or appointed, or if either the Mayor or any Councilmember shall be absent without permission of the City Council from all regular City Council meetings within a period of 60 consecutive days from the last regular meeting attended, shall resign, shall be adjudged legally incompetent, **shall be deceased**, or shall be otherwise barred from holding office by reason of state or federal law, that office shall thereupon be declared vacant by a majority vote of the City Council.



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Section 405. - COMPENSATION.

Pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the City Council authorizing the formation of a Committee on City Councilmembers' Compensation ("the Committee"), each member of the City Council shall nominate one person to the Committee, subject to the approval of the City Council. The duties of the Committee shall be to study, take public input, and make recommendations regarding the compensation paid to members of the City Council and benefits to which the members of the City Council are entitled including, but not limited to, insurance, expense allowances and reimbursement. The Committee shall be convened not less than once every five years.

Each member of the Committee shall be an elector of the City. In making their nominations, City Councilmembers shall consider persons recommended by representatives of

Section 406. - THE MAYOR.

The Mayor shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the City at large for a term of four years, ~~except as provided in Section 401 (B).~~ except as otherwise provided in this Charter. The Mayor shall be a voting member of the City Council and shall preside at meetings of the City Council. The Mayor shall act as chief executive of the City in performing all acts required to be performed under the laws of the State of California and this Charter. The Mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes, by the Courts for the purpose of serving civil process and by the Governor of the State for military purposes. The Mayor shall have a voice and vote in all proceedings of the City Council and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or as may be imposed by the City Council consistent with his or her office.



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Section 412~~3~~. - OFFICIAL BONDS.

The City Council may, by ordinance, require any city officer or employee to give and execute to the City an official bonds for the faithful performance of official duties. The Premium therefor shall be paid by the City.

Section 414. - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

If the City Council adopts an ordinance implementing campaign contribution limits different from state default limits, the campaign contribution limit ordinance may be amended no earlier than following the second primary and general municipal election cycle after its enactment or amendment.