

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your **BUDGET AND FINANCE Committee**

reports as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of adding Armenian as a language available on election ballot materials.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Krekorian – Wesson – Garcetti):

1. APPROVE the following two services from the City Clerk report dated July 13, 2012 to provide select Armenian language services for the 2013 Municipal Elections (cost is dependent upon City Clerk receiving approval in time to begin work by August 15, 2012):
 - a. Pollworker Recruitment - \$38,000
 - b. Outreach - \$71,000
2. DIRECT the City Clerk to work with the City Administrative Officer through Financial Status Reports on any appropriations which may be necessary.
3. DIRECT the City Clerk to plan for the implementation of full election language services in the Armenian language for the 2015 Municipal Elections and to include Armenian language services as part of its budget request for the 2015 Municipal Elections.
4. DIRECT the City Clerk to collaborate with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, City of Glendale, and the City of Burbank relative to potential efficiencies in providing election services in Armenian.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Clerk reports that if the Council opts to add language services in Armenian, there will be additional costs that will vary depending on the level of service or services added and whether approval is given in time for the City Clerk-Election Division to implement them by August 15.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

SUMMARY

At its meeting of July 30, 2012, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a City Clerk report, submitted in response to Motion (Krekorian – Wesson – Garcetti), relative to the feasibility of adding Armenian as a language available on election ballot materials. The City Clerk reports that since the provision of Armenian language services was not included in the City Clerk's 2012-13 Adopted Budget, additional funding to the City Clerk's Office will necessarily be required. The cost will depend on which and how many services the Council wishes to add. Alternatively, the City Council can choose a phase-in approach and adopt one or two categories of services for the 2013 Municipal Elections with the intent of adopting the full

range of services for the 2015 Municipal Elections. The City Clerk report, attached to the Council file, provides additional information including background on language assistance services and the procedure, costs, and challenges involved in the implementation of adding Armenian language services into the City's election.

During Committee consideration, the City Clerk and Election Division representatives provided an overview of the report and responded to related questions from Committee members. After further discussion and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended a phase-in approach for the implementation of election language services in the Armenian language as detailed in the Committee recommendations above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	YES
CARDENAS:	YES
ROSENDAHL:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT

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