

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of Division 24 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to revise City Ethics Commission regulations for the Public Matching Funds Program.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 24.31(b)(4) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(4) "**Debate**" means a discussion between two or more candidates who have qualified to appear on a ballot for elected City office, which lasts at least 60 minutes, is moderated by an independent third party and is open to the public.

Sec. 2. Section 24.31(b)(11) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(11) "**Town Hall Meeting**" means an event conducted by a participating candidate which is open to the public, the media and other candidates, lasts at least 60 minutes and at which a majority of the time is focused on the participating candidate responding to questions posed by attendees.

Sec. 3. Section 24.32(a)(3)(B) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(B) The candidate understands that the candidate must participate in a debate with one or more opponents or, if no opponent agrees to debate, conduct a town hall meeting;

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall not apply to any election for which the time specified for candidates to file a Declaration of Intent to Become a Candidate with the City Clerk has already commenced or opened.

Sec. 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_