

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

Your **RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS** Committee

reports as follows:

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT, RESOLUTIONS, and ORDINANCE relative to submitting to the voters a proposed measure to provide funding for Department of Recreation and Parks programs through a parcel tax, and calling a Special Election and consolidating it with the City's March 5, 2013 Primary Nominating Election.

SUBMITS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION the following recommendations of the City Attorney:

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION providing that a certain tax measure be submitted to the qualified electors of the City.
2. ADOPT the accompanying BALLOT TITLE RESOLUTION, as follows:

RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAMS FUNDING.
PROPOSITION ____.

To restore and maintain services administered by the City's Department of Recreation and Parks, such as but not limited to, after-school programs, anti-gang and anti-bullying programs, programs to address childhood obesity, repairing playground equipment, cleaning restrooms and maintaining parks and recreation centers, shall an annual tax of \$39 with adjustments for inflation, be levied on each parcel of real property in the City of Los Angeles, where the taxes generated shall be equitably allocated to programs throughout various regions of the City, and with mandatory financial audits of the overall program?

3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, calling a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles a certain Charter amendment and consolidating this Special Election with the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held on the same date.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst report that if the proposed parcel tax of \$39 annually is approved by the voters, it would result in annual revenue of approximately \$30.5 million. If all revenues from the proposed parcel tax are dedicated to recreation and parks programs, excluding related costs, the \$30.5 million could be used to enhance recreation and parks programs with continued costs to the General Fund. If funds are also used to reimburse related costs, the amount available for recreation programs would be decreased accordingly. There is no additional cost anticipated to place this ballot measure to either the March or May election ballots, as funding for four to five measures is already included in the City Clerk's election budget.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – NOVEMBER 14, 2012

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – NOVEMBER 14, 2012)

Summary:

At its special meeting of November 9, 2012, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a City Attorney report, Resolutions, and an Ordinance relative to submitting to the voters a proposed measure to provide funding for Department of Recreation and Parks programs through a parcel tax, and calling a Special Election and consolidating it with the City's March 5, 2013 Primary Nominating Election. The City Attorney reports that this measure would impose an annual \$39 per parcel tax on real properties within the City of Los Angeles to help fund the operations of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The City Attorney report, attached to the Council file, provides a summary of the measure's provisions.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to submit this matter to Council without recommendation. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES

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