REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: November 22, 2013

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Gerry F. Miller Chief Legislative Analys

Assignment No: 13-11-0985

SUBJECT: 2014 Council Recess Schedule

<u>CLA RECOMMENDATION</u>: That the City Council Resolve to approve the proposed 2014 Council Recess Schedule, in accordance with Charter Section 242, with the caveat that Council may introduce resolutions to remove any conference dates from the recess schedule if a quorum is expected, as follows:

2014 Council Recess Schedule

National League of Cities Annual Congressional City Conference, Friday, 3/7/14 through Wednesday, 3/12/14 (event held from 3/8/14 through 3/12/14 in Washington, D.C. [3/7/14 is recommended as a travel day])

Good Friday, Friday, 4/18/14

Summer Recess, Friday 7/4/14 (holiday) through Friday, 7/18/14

League of California Cities Annual Conference and Exposition, Wednesday, 9/3/14 through Friday, 9/5/14 (event held from 9/3/14 through 9/5/14 in Los Angeles)

National League of Cities Annual Congress of Cities and Exposition, Tuesday, 11/18/14 through Friday, 11/21/14 (event held from 11/18/14 through 11/22/14 in Austin, TX).

Winter Recess, Friday, 12/19/14 through Friday, 1/2/15

SUMMARY

Consistent with Council policy, we have prepared the Council Recess Schedule for Calendar Year 2014 for your review. This Office has reviewed the 2014 Calendar to identify special days and events during which the City Council has traditionally recessed. We note that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are not included as they do not fall on a Council day.

The proposed Council Recess Schedule enables the City Council, in accordance with Charter

Section 242, to recess certain Council meetings as necessary to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Annual Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C., the NLC Annual Congress of Cities and Exposition in Austin, TX, and the League of California Cities (LCC) Annual Conference and Exposition in Los Angeles.

All Councilmembers are urged to commit early to participate in the aforementioned conferences. Additionally, three to four weeks prior to the conferences, the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst will canvass the Council to determine the number of members attending each conference. If a quorum is expected, the Council may, by Resolution, remove Council recess days from the 2014 Council Recess Schedule.

Please note that consistent with the adopted 2012 and 2013 Council Recess Schedules, we are recommending that Council's summer recess remain in July instead of late August, as to avoid a back-to-back recess scenario, due to the LCC Annual Conference and Exposition which will be held the first week of September. Should there be a desire to move the Council's summer recess back to August, Council may consider adjusting the proposed schedule as part of its consideration of this report.

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