RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to consolidating City of Los Angeles (City) and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) elections with the election run by Los Angeles County (County) in 2020.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the joint report dated December 21, 2015 from the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and the City Clerk relative to an update on collaborative efforts towards consolidating elections of the City and LAUSD with the election run by the County beginning in 2020.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on January 13, 2016, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered a joint report dated December 21, 2015 from the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and the City Clerk relative to an update on collaborative efforts towards consolidating elections of the City and the LAUSD with the election run by the County beginning in 2020.

The County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and the City Clerk report that the consolidation is a result of Charter Amendments 1 and 2 approved by City voters in March 2015 that moved the City's and LAUSD election dates to June and November of even number years, beginning in 2020, so that these elections are held on the same dates as the State and federal elections conducted by the County. However, this action did not consolidate City/LAUSD elections with those of the County, and elections held by both jurisdictions on the same day could result in voter confusion. Therefore, in September 2015 the County and City formed a cross-jurisdictional working group towards consolidation in 2020. The joint County/City report is an update on those efforts.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee recommended to note and file the joint County/City report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS

COMMITTEE

MEMBER

VOTE

WESSON:

YES

HUIZAR:

ABSENT

HARRIS-DAWSON: YES

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