

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT, RESOLUTIONS and ORDINANCE relative to submitting to the voters a proposed Charter amendment to change the City's primary and general election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020, and calling a Special Election and consolidating it with the City's primary nominating election to be held on March 3, 2015.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION providing that a certain Charter amendment regarding City election dates be submitted to the qualified voters of the City.
2. ADOPT the accompanying BALLOT TITLE RESOLUTION, as follows:

NEW CITY ELECTION DATES AND SCHEDULES; ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENT TO ALIGN TERMS WITH NEW ELECTION DATES BY 2020. CHARTER AMENDMENT \_\_\_\_.

Shall the City Charter be amended to: 1) change the City's primary and general election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020 so that City elections are held on the same dates as Federal and State elections; 2) provide that, in 2015 and 2017 only, candidates be elected for a term of 5 1/2 years to transition to the new election dates; 3) adjust vacancy election schedules and allow temporary appointments to fill vacant offices until an election is held; 4) enable initiative and referendum elections to be scheduled at either the next City or next State election; and 5) allow initiative proponents to withdraw their measure prior to scheduling an election?

3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, calling a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles a Charter Amendment changing City election dates and consolidating this Special Election with the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held on the same date.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE – NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL TO ACT – NOVEMBER 12, 2014)**

### Summary

At its special meeting of October 31, 2014, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a City Attorney report, Resolutions, and an Ordinance relative to submitting to the voters a proposed Charter amendment changing City election dates, and calling a Special Election and consolidating it with the City's March 3, 2015 Primary Nominating Election. The City Attorney report, attached to the Council file, provide additional details on the proposed Charter amendment.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolutions and Ordinance to submit to the voters a proposed Charter amendment changing the City's election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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