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Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
c/o Room 395 City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATION REQUEST FOR MARCH 3, 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Honorable Members:

Transmitted herewith is a Resolution requesting that 11 Los Angeles area cities and the County of Los Angeles agree to consolidate a portion of the City of Los Angeles Primary Nominating Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, with the Municipal Elections to be conducted by those cities and the County on the same date. The cities of Bell, Cudahy, and Huntington Park will consolidate their elections with the County of Los Angeles and therefore it is recommended that the City direct its consolidation request to the County with respect to elections occurring in the territory of those cities. The purpose of consolidating a portion of the election would be for those cities and the County to conduct those portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member and/or Los Angeles Community College District Trustee elections that overlap the boundaries of the identified cities. The resolution further states that the City of Los Angeles agrees to pay a proportionate share of the costs for such consolidated elections. Any costs incurred by Los Angeles County for the conduct of the portion of the election conducted in the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park elections will be directly reimbursed by the Los Angeles Community College District. This same type of election consolidation has been done for the last six primary elections with great success.

When the voters of Los Angeles approved a Charter Amendment in 2002 changing the City of Los Angeles municipal elections dates, it moved the Primary Nominating Election date to the same day that other cities in the area are also holding elections. The City of Los Angeles conducts the elections for the Los Angeles Unified School District Board Members and the Los Angeles Community College District Trustees. Portions of those jurisdictions overlap the boundaries of these other cities. This provides an opportunity to consolidate those elections which is more convenient for the voter, reduces costs, and improves voter turnout.

Recommendations

The City Clerk recommends that the City Council approve the Resolution authorizing consolidation of these municipal elections for the following reasons:

- Consolidating the elections will allow the City of Los Angeles and the other cities to share the cost of conducting the election in the impacted areas (e.g. polling place operations, sample ballot mailing, etc.) thus reducing a proportionate share of the cost to all jurisdictions.
- Consolidating the elections will eliminate the need for voters to vote a separate ballot at the same polling place or worse, to go to separate polling places to vote in the City of Los Angeles Primary Nominating Election and in the other cities' municipal elections.
- The same consolidation was done in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013 and the voter turnout in those areas increased dramatically over those areas where only Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member or Los Angeles Community College District Trustee elections were on the ballot.

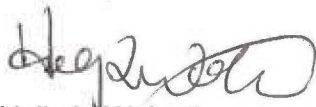
It should also be noted that changing the City of Los Angeles' election dates has had the additional benefit of reducing the total number of times the voters in the affected cities must go to the polls during an election cycle. These voters now go once in the consolidated primary election and once in the City of Los Angeles general election instead of the three times that would be required if the primary elections were not on the same date.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Adoption of the proposed Resolution will have no adverse impact on the General Fund, as the funds required to conduct the 2015 municipal elections are already included in the City Clerk's operating budget.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me directly at (213) 978-1020.

Sincerely,



Holly L. Wolcott
City Clerk

Attachments

HLW/JP/MP:amm
EXE-023-14

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THAT THE ELEVEN CITIES IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT I AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AGREE TO CONSOLIDATE A PORTION OF THE CITY'S PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015, WITH THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY THOSE CITIES AND THE COUNTY ON THE SAME DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2015, Municipal Elections will be held in the cities identified in Exhibit I herein; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2015, Municipal Elections of three additional cities, Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park, will be held in those cities and conducted by the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will also conduct a Primary Nominating Election on March 3, 2015, to elect the Members of the Los Angeles City Council, Members of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Members of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District and to possibly place ballot measures before the voters; and

WHEREAS, portions of Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District elections overlap the boundaries of the Exhibit I cities as well as the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park; and

WHEREAS, to improve voter participation, it is desirable to consolidate the Primary Nominating Election with the Municipal Elections of the Exhibit I cities, and the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park, with respect to those portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District and/or the Los Angeles Community College District that overlap their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, to enhance voter convenience and improve the administration of the consolidated elections, it is desirable that the precincts, polling places, election officers, voting hours, and vote by mail procedures of the elections be the same; and for the City Clerks of the Exhibit I cities and the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles conducting the election for the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park to canvass the returns of the election for those portions of Los Angeles Unified School District and/or the Los Angeles Community College District that are within their boundaries; and that the consolidated elections be held in all respects as if there were only one election; and

WHEREAS, cost savings will result from the consolidation and sharing of costs of these elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the requirements of California Elections Code Sections 10400 through 10418 and Los Angeles City Election Code Section 105, the City Councils of the Exhibit I cities and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are requested to consent and agree to

consolidate the City's Primary Nominating Election, with respect to those portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District and/or the Los Angeles Community College District which are within the boundaries of the Exhibit I cities and the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park, with the cities' Municipal Elections to be held on March 3, 2015; and that the elections shall be held in those cities in all respects as if there were only one election, except as noted in Section 2 below. The precincts, polling places, officers of election, ballots and canvassing procedures and all other conditions for this portion of the Primary Nominating Election shall be the same as those provided by those cities for their Municipal Elections.

Section 2. The procedures for filing and qualifying Primary Nominating Election candidates and ballot measures for inclusion in the election shall be governed by the Los Angeles City Charter and Election Code and the Los Angeles City Clerk is directed to transmit the qualifying process, without delay, for inclusion in their official and sample ballots and other election related voter information materials.

Section 3. The City Clerks of the Exhibit I cities and the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles are authorized to canvass the returns of that portion of the Primary Nominating Election which is requested to be consolidated with the Municipal Elections of the Exhibit I cities and the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park, and those City Clerks and the County Registrar-Recorder are further requested to complete the portion of the canvass relating to the Primary Nominating Election within 21 days of the date of the consolidated election.

Section 4. The City Councils of the Exhibit I cities and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles are requested to issue instructions to their City Clerks and the County Registrar-Recorder, respectively to take any and all steps necessary to hold the consolidated election.

Section 5. The City of Los Angeles agrees to reimburse the Exhibit I cities the proportionate share of the costs for conducting the consolidated election. Any costs associated with the conduct of the Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park elections will be directly reimbursed by Los Angeles Community College District and will have no fiscal impact on the City. This agreement does not affect the obligation of the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District to reimburse the City of Los Angeles for the overall conduct of the Primary Nominating Election.

Section 6. Should any of the Exhibit I cities or the County of Los Angeles choose not to consolidate the Primary Nominating Election with the Municipal Elections conducted by those cities and the County, the Los Angeles City Clerk is directed to conduct the Primary Nominating Election in that city as required.

Section 7. The Los Angeles City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and file a certified copy thereof with the City Councils of the Exhibit I cities and with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

Holly Wolcott, City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

Council File No: _____

EXHIBIT I

CITIES HOLDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 3, 2015

NAME OF CITY	LAUSD*	LACCD**
1. Beverly Hills	yes	yes
2. Carson	yes	yes
3. Commerce	yes	yes
4. Gardena	yes	yes
5. Monterey Park	yes	yes
6. Palos Verdes Estates	no	yes
7. Rolling Hills	no	yes
8. San Fernando	no	yes
9. San Gabriel	no	yes
10. South Gate	yes	yes
11. West Hollywood	no	yes

* Los Angeles Unified School District

** Los Angeles Community College District

Note: LACCD conducts elections at large; therefore, four Board of Trustee office elections, for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7, will be conducted in each jurisdiction for LACCD.