

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT, CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF INITIATIVE PETITION, RESOLUTIONS, and ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to an initiative Petition proposing a building moratorium, restrictions on general plan amendments, and required review of the General Plan.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

A. OPTION A

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE (Attachment 1 of the City Attorney report attached to the Council file), presented by the Initiative Petition proponents, without alteration.

B. OPTION B (Recommended by the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee)

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION provided in response to an initiative petition that an ordinance related to a building moratorium, restrictions on General Plan amendments, and required review of the General Plan, be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Los Angeles at a Special Election to be called and consolidated with the City's Primary Nominating Election held on March 7, 2017.
2. ADOPT the accompanying BALLOT TITLE RESOLUTION as follows:

BUILDING MORATORIUM; RESTRICTIONS ON GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS; REQUIRED REVIEW OF GENERAL PLAN. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE ____.

Shall an ordinance amending City laws related to the General Plan, including to: 1) impose a two-year moratorium on projects seeking General Plan amendments or zone or height-district changes resulting in more intense land use, an increase in density or height, or a loss of zoned open space, agricultural or industrial areas, with exceptions including for affordable housing projects and projects for which vested rights have accrued; 2) prohibit geographic amendments to the General Plan unless the affected area has significant social, economic or physical identity (defined as encompassing an entire community or district plan area, specific plan area, neighborhood council area or at least 15 acres); 3) require systematic, public review of the General Plan every five years; 4) prohibit project applicants from completing environmental impact reports for the City; 5) require the City make findings of General Plan consistency for planning amendments, project approvals and permit decisions; and 6) prohibit certain parking variances; be adopted?

3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated September 21, 2016, calling a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles a certain initiative ordinance and consolidating this Special Election with the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held on the same date.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Clerk reports that there is no fiscal impact for adopting Option A in this report. There is zero to minimal cost for adopting Option B in this report, assuming there will be a citywide race or a moderate number of Council-sponsored measures on that ballot. If, however, the City Council chooses to place this measure before the voters on a special election, the cost of that election is estimated to be \$6 million.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 6, 2016

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - SEPTEMBER 30, 2016)

(The Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), to confer with its legal counsel regarding possible initiation of litigation [one case] relative to the above matter.)

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on September 30, 2016, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered a report from the City Clerk dated September 16, 2016, and reports from the City Attorney dated September 21, 2016 that includes Resolutions and Ordinances relative to a Certificate of Sufficiency of Ordinance Initiative for a Certified Initiative Petition regarding a building moratorium, restrictions on General Plan amendments, and required review of the General Plan, also known as the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative.

On September 6, 2016 the City Clerk completed its preliminary review of the initiative petition and accepted it for processing. The City Clerk thereafter examined the voter signatures contained on the petition using the random sampling method authorized in the City Election Code and in accordance with Charter Section 451. The City Clerk has now completed that examination and has determined that the initiative petition contains a sufficient number of valid voter signatures to qualify for presentation to the City Council. The City Clerk certified the petition as sufficient and presented the certified petition to Council on September 16, 2016.

The City Clerk and City Attorney both report that there are two options before the Council: adopting the ordinance as presented by the Initiative, or placing the Initiative before the voters at a Special Election to be consolidated with the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held on March 7, 2017. The City Clerk and City Attorney reports, attached to the Council file, provide background information and additional details on the various actions that Council may take.

After consideration and providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the Resolutions and Ordinance as indicated in Attachment 2 of the City Attorney report (Option B). This matter is now forwarded to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS
COMMITTEE



MEMBER	VOTE
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

REW
9/30/16
FILE NO. 16-1054

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-