RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed amendments to City Council Rules; specifically Council Rule Numbers 7, 8, 11, 12, 22, 62, and 63.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Wesson - Krekorian for Englander - Martinez - Blumenfield):

- APPROVE the proposed amendments to City Council rules as specified in the attachment to Motion (Wesson - Krekorian for Englander - Martinez - Blumenfield, attached to the Council file.
- 2. APPROVE the revised proposed amendment to City Council Rule Number 8 to replace the language as follows:

## 8. Public Hearings

Public hearing items scheduled for regular meetings are afforded special notice for a specific Council meeting date and are intended to receive separate public input on a specific matter. Interested persons (for example applicants, appellants and property owners) shall be given reasonable opportunity to present oral arguments for or against any proposed action. However, no person may present evidence not relevant to the matter which is the subject of the hearing. The Presiding Officer may exercise his or her discretion, subject to reversal by a majority of the Council pursuant to Rule 15, in conducting the public comment period, including re-ordering the order of business as set forth in Rule 22 and providing additional time for a member of the public to speak as long as other speakers are afforded equal time.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Pursuant to Council Rule 77, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the Council shall be necessary to amend these Rules. Each proposed Rule amendment shall be presented to the Council and then laid over one week before it can be adopted.)

## **SUMMARY**

At a special meeting held on September 30, 2016, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered Motion (Wesson - Krekorian for Englander - Martinez - Blumenfield) relative to proposed amendments to City Council Rules. The Motion recommends amendments to Council Rules Nos. 7, 8, 11, 12, 22, 62 and 63. Council Rules Nos. 7, 11, 12, 62, and 63 pertain to public comment, Council Rule No. 8 to public hearings, and Council Rule No. 22 to the order of business of regular meetings of the Council. During consideration of this matter, a revised amendment to Council Rule No. 8 was introduced and read into the record.

After consideration and after having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the proposed amendments to City Council Rules as specified in the attachment to the Motion and with the revised amendment to Council Rule No. 8 as detailed above. 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

REW 9/30/16

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