File No. <u>17-1100-S1</u>

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT, RESOLUTIONS, and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to submitting to the voters a proposed Charter amendment changing the maximum length of franchises, concessions, permits, licenses, and leases that may be issued by the Harbor Department from fifty to sixty-six years, and calling a Special Election and Consolidating it with the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held on March 7, 2017.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION providing that a certain proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Los Angeles be submitted to the qualified voters of the City.
- 2. ADOPT the accompanying BALLOT TITLE RESOLUTION, as follows:

MAXIMUM TERM OF HARBOR DEPARTMENT LEASES. CHARTER AMENDMENT

Shall the City Charter be amended to increase the maximum term for franchises, concessions, permits, licenses and leases that may be entered into by the Harbor Department from the current maximum of 50 years to a new maximum of 66 years, to be consistent with recent changes to State law?

3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated November 3, 2016, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, 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 amendment to the City Charter and consolidating this Special Election with the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held on the same date.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: 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 9, 2016

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - NOVEMBER 9, 2016)

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on November 7, 2016, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered a City Attorney report, Resolutions, and Ordinance relative to submitting to the voters a proposed Charter amendment to changing the maximum length of franchises, concessions, permits, licenses, and leases that may be issued by the Harbor Department from fifty to sixty-six years, and calling a Special Election and Consolidating it with the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held on March 7, 2017. A representative of the City Attorney addressed the Committee and provided a brief overview of the matter.

The City Attorney reported that if adopted, this measure would amend Section 607 of the Charter to increase the maximum length of the terms of franchises, concessions, permits, licenses and leases issued by the Harbor Department from the current maximum of 50 years to a new maximum of 66 years. This change would realign the maximum term length for Harbor Department leases in the Charter with the maximum term length provided in the recently-amended State law. The proposed Charter amendment would retain the language in Section 607(a) requiring Council approval of longterm leases, and also continue to provide that if a shorter maximum term length is specified in federal or State law, that shorter term length limit would govern over the Charter's term length limit.

After consideration and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolutions and Ordinance. 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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