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November 14, 2012

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395 City Hall
200 North Spring Street
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RE: Revision of Consolidation Request for the Cities of Cudahy and Bell, Relative to
the City's March 5, 2013 Municipal Election

Honorable Members:

On September 11, 2012, the City Council adopted a Resolution (C.F. 13-1100) to consolidate a portion of the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 with the municipal elections of 15 other cities in the Southern California region that will be held on the same date. The purpose was for those cities to conduct those portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and/or Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) elections that overlap their boundaries. This is a routine election consolidation that has been done for the last five municipal election cycles with great success, yielding efficiencies, cost savings, and an improved voting experience for voters in those areas.

Since the adoption of that Resolution, two of those cities, Cudahy and Bell, have revised their decision to conduct their own elections, to wit:

Cudahy: On October 2, 2012, the City of Cudahy passed a resolution to request the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to direct the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder to conduct Cudahy's municipal election to be held on March 5, 2013, the same day as the City's municipal primary election.

Bell: On November 7, 2012, the City of Bell passed a resolution to request the L.A. County Board of Supervisors to direct the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder to conduct Bell's municipal election to be held on March 5, 2013, the same day as the City's municipal primary election.

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Since Cudahy and Bell have now decided to consolidate their elections with the County of Los Angeles rather than conduct their own elections, the City can no longer consolidate the March 5, 2013 LACCD elections with those two cities. Instead, it is recommended that the City request the County of Los Angeles to conduct the LACCD portions of the elections within Cudahy and Bell that would otherwise be conducted by the City Clerk. As an alternative, the City Clerk could conduct concurrent LACCD elections on March 5, 2013 in both cities, but this would necessitate voters of these cities to vote on two separate ballots on the same day, which may cause voter confusion. Therefore, concurrent elections are not recommended. Any costs associated with this election will be reimbursed by LACCD and will not have a fiscal impact on the City.

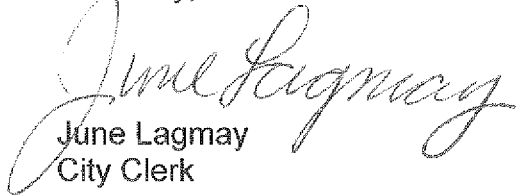
Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution to respectfully request the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to agree to consolidate L.A. City's Primary Nominating and Consolidated Elections for those portions of the LACCD that are within the boundaries of the cities of Cudahy and Bell, with the elections to be conducted in those territories by the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder on March 5, 2013. The Resolution also lays out other conditions and criteria for the conduct of the Cudahy and Bell elections on March 5, 2013.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Funding for election consolidation was included in the City Clerk's 2012-13 Municipal Election budget.

Sincerely,



June Lagmay
City Clerk

Attachment (Resolution)

JL:HW:am
EXE-041-12

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AGREE TO CONSOLIDATE A PORTION OF THE CITY'S PRIMARY NOMINATING AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013, WITH THE ELECTION CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY ON THE SAME DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2013 the City of Los Angeles will be conducting its Primary Nominating Election to elect members of the Los Angeles City Council and Members of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and a consolidated election to elect Members of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD); and

WHEREAS, portions of LAUSD and LACCD overlap with the territories of various other local cities also conducting their municipal elections on March 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Resolution on September 11, 2012, requesting 15 local cities to agree to consolidate the City's Primary Nominating and Consolidated Elections with the municipal elections of those cities, with respect to those portions of the LAUSD and LACCD that overlap their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the Resolution, the City Clerk has become aware that the March 5, 2013 municipal elections of two of the cities included in that Resolution, the Cities of Bell and Cudahy, will be conducted instead by the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in light of these developments and to improve voter participation and reduce confusion at the polls, the Los Angeles City Council wishes to rescind its Resolution of September 11, 2012, only to the extent that it requested consolidation of the City's elections with the municipal elections of the Cities of Cudahy and Bell, and instead request that the County of Los Angeles conduct that portion of the LACCD elections that will occur within the boundaries of the Cities of Cudahy and Bell; 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 Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles to canvass the returns of the election for those portions of LACCD that are within the boundaries of the Cities of Bell and Cudahy; 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. The Los Angeles City Council respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles agree to consolidate the City's Primary Nominating and Consolidated Elections, with respect to those portions of LACCD that are within the boundaries of the Cities of Cudahy and Bell, with the election to be conducted in that territory by the County of Los Angeles on March 5, 2013.

Section 2. The elections shall be held in that territory as if there were only one election, except as noted in Section 3 below. The precincts, polling places, officers of election, ballots and canvassing procedures and all other conditions for this portion of the Primary Nominating and Consolidated Elections shall be the same as those provided in that territory by the County of Los Angeles.

Section 3. The procedures for filing and qualifying candidates and ballot measures for inclusion in the election shall be governed by the Los Angeles City Charter and Election Code.

Section 4. The County of Los Angeles is authorized to canvass the returns of that portion of the Primary Nominating and Consolidated Elections which is requested to be consolidated with the elections conducted by the County. The County is requested to complete the portion of the canvass relating to the Primary Nominating and Consolidated Elections within 21 days of the date of the election.

Section 5. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is requested to issue instructions to its Registrar-Recorder to take any and all steps necessary to hold the election.

Section 6. The City of Los Angeles agrees to reimburse the County of Los Angeles the proportionate share of the costs for conducting the consolidated elections. This agreement does not affect the obligation of LACCD to reimburse the City of Los Angeles for the overall conduct of the election.

Section 7. The Resolution of the Los Angeles City Council adopted on September 11, 2012, requesting consolidation of the City's election with the municipal elections of 15 local cities, is rescinded only to the extent that it requested consolidation of the City's Primary Nominating and Consolidated Elections with the municipal elections of the Cities of Cudahy and Bell, and only to permit instead the consolidation of those elections with the election conducted by the County of Los Angeles in those portions of LACCD that are within the boundaries of the Cities of Cudahy and Bell, as provided in this Resolution.

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

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

Council File No: _____