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Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
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CONSOLIDATION REQUEST FOR MARCH 5, 2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Honorable Members:

Transmitted herewith is a Resolution requesting that 15 Los Angeles area cities agree to consolidate a portion of the City of Los Angeles Primary Nominating Election to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, with their Municipal Elections to be held on the same date. The purpose of consolidating a portion of the election would be for those cities to conduct those portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member and/or Los Angeles Community College District Trustee elections that overlap their boundaries. The Resolution further states that the City of Los Angeles agrees to pay a proportionate share of the costs for such consolidated elections. This same type of election consolidation has been done for the last five 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 both cities.
- 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 and 2011 and the voter turnout in those areas increased dramatically over those areas where only Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member of Los Angeles Community College District Trustee elections were on the ballot.

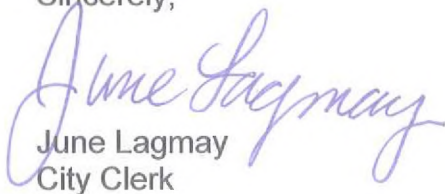
It should also be noted that changing the City of Los Angeles' election dates has had the additional benefit of reducing the total number of times the voters in the affected cities must to go the polls during an election cycle. These voters now go once in the consolidated primary election and once in 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 2013 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,


June Lagmay
City Clerk

Attachments

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THAT THE FIFTEEN CITIES IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT I HEREIN AGREE TO CONSOLIDATE A PORTION OF THE PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION. TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013, WITH THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OF THOSE CITIES TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2013, Municipal Elections will be held in the cities identified in Exhibit I herein; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will also conduct a Primary Nominating Election on March 5, 2013, to elect the Mayor, City Attorney, Controller, 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; and

WHEREAS, to improve voter participation, it is desirable to consolidate the Primary Nominating Election and the Municipal Elections of the Exhibit I cities, 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 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 are requested to consent and agree to consolidate the Primary Nominating Election, with respect to those portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District and/or the Los Angeles Community College District elections which are within their boundaries with their Municipal Elections to be held on March 5, 2013; 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 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 their respective cities, and those City Clerks 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 are requested to issue instructions to their respective City Clerks 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. 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 choose not to consolidate the Primary Nominating Election with the Municipal Election of their respective city, 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 Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder.

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: _____

EXHIBIT I

CITIES HOLDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 5, 2013

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

* Los Angeles Unified School District

** Los Angeles Community College District

Note: LACCD conducts elections at large; therefore, three Board of Trustee seat elections, for 2, 4, and 6, will be conducted in each jurisdiction for LACCD.