

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the establishment of the City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (LaBonge for Wesson - Krekorian):

ADOPT the accompanying Resolution relative to the establishment of the City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission to determine the best manner in which to improve and enhance voter participation and civic engagement with respect to the City's electoral process; including the following specific features and tasks:

- a. Undertake a comprehensive review of the City's Elections Code (2008), Los Angeles City Charter Article IV Elections, and Los Angeles City Charter Sections 206, 241, 801, and 804.
- b. Provide a final report to the Mayor and City Council on May 14, 2014 proposing specific options and recommendations to increase voter turnout and participation, including but not limited to exploring: changing the dates of the election cycle, methods to outreach to populations with historically low voter registration/turnout, same-day voter registration, locations and access to polling places, early voting, vote-by-mail only for Special elections, easier access to absentee ballots, efficiencies in vote counting, and utilizing technology for outreach and voting.
- c. The Commission shall be composed of:
 - i. One member who serves as Chair jointly appointed by the Mayor and the President of the City Council.
 - ii. Four members appointed by the Mayor.
 - iii. Four members appointed by the President of the City Council.
- d. Appointing authorities are generally encouraged to appoint individuals with expertise in one or more of the following areas: elections, marketing, outreach, neighborhood council leadership, polling places, or persons with significant experience managing large one-day events.
- e. Appointments to The City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission shall be made no later than 30 days after the passage of this resolution.
- f. Appointments shall be directed to the City of Los Angeles City Clerk's office and do not require confirmation by the full City Council.
- g. The Commission support staff will include the City Clerk, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO), Mayor's Office, City Council President's Office, City Attorney's Office, and the City Ethics Commission.

- h. Regular meetings of the Commission will be held in the John Ferraro Council Chambers at minimum every two weeks; 8 off-site special meetings in the evening or on the weekend (one Westside region, one Eastside region, one Harbor region, one Central region, one West Valley, one Northeast Valley, two in Van Nuys Council Chambers) shall also be held during the term of the Commission.
- i. The City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission shall terminate its existence on May 16, 2014.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CLA nor the CAO has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its special meeting of October 18, 2013 your Committee considered Resolution (LaBonge for Wesson - Krekorian) relative to the establishment of the City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission to determine the best manner in which to improve and enhance voter participation and civic engagement with respect to the City's electoral process. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the subject Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES

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