

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE relative to calling and ordering a Primary Nominating Election on March 3, 2015 and a General Municipal Election on May 19, 2015 for the offices of Member of the Los Angeles City Council and Member of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District, and consolidated elections for the offices of Member of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE calling, ordering, providing for and giving notice of a Primary Nominating Election and General Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, and Tuesday, May 19, 2015, respectively, in the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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.

Summary:

At its special meeting of December 3, 2014, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a City Attorney report and an Ordinance relative to calling and ordering a Primary Nominating Election on March 3, 2015 and a General Municipal Election on May 19, 2015 for the offices of Member of the Los Angeles City Council and Member of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District, and consolidated elections for the offices of Member of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District.

The City Attorney reports that the Ordinance calls the elections for the offices of Member of the Los Angeles City Council for Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, and for Member of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7. The ordinance provides that the term of office for these City and LAUSD offices shall be until December of 2020, if the voters of the City and LAUSD approve the Charter amendments changing City election dates to June and November of even-numbered years. The term of office shall be until June 30, 2019, if the voters do not approve the Charter amendments.

The Ordinance also provides that the City will conduct elections for members of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) for Seat numbers 1, 3, 5 and 7, consolidated with the City's primary nominating election on March 3, 2015. The Board of Trustees has adopted a Resolution, pursuant to State Education Code Section 72031, providing that the election be held as a plurality election under which the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes at the election shall be deemed elected to the office, with no run-off election required. The Ordinance provides that the City Clerk will conduct the LACCD election consolidated with the City's primary nominating election.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the Ordinance. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

WESSON: YES

HUIZAR: ABSENT

LABONGE: YES

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