

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to clarifying City rules to align with State law on electronic communications during election blackout periods.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Wesson - Martinez):

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to clarify City rules to align with State law on electronic communications and interpret this section of the code accordingly, such as:

Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 49.61. Definition. For the purpose of this Article 11, the term newsletter or mass mailing shall mean more than 200 substantially similar tangible items but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to a letter or inquiry or an official mailing required by law.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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 a special meeting held on September 30, 2016, the Rules, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered Motion (Wesson - Martinez) relative to clarifying City rules to align with State law on electronic communications to allow for the public to be informed regarding City events, public safety emergencies, and other related duties and responsibilities, during election blackout periods.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

REW 9/30/16 FILE NO. 16-1099

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