

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: February 25, 2022

TO: Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk

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**Subject: COST ESTIMATE AND ELECTION TIMELINE INFORMATION FOR
POTENTIAL COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 SPECIAL ELECTION**

Honorable Members:

During the City Council meeting on February 22, 2022, Council instructed the City Clerk, City Attorney, and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report on the steps that would need to be taken, associated with costs, and the legality of holding a Special Election to fill the temporary vacancy in the office of Council District 10. This report provides the earliest possible Election dates and the costs associated with calling a Special Council District 10 Election.

Preparation for any Special Primary Election requires an approximate 150-day window between the date the Election is called and the date the Election is held. This period allows for residency requirements, candidate filing processes, and ballot preparation deadlines to be met. In addition, in general, the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) can accommodate a Runoff Election no sooner than 70 days after a Primary. Should the City Council opt to call a Special Election on or before March 8, 2022, the earliest the Primary Election could take place is August 2, 2022. The corresponding necessary, would be October 11, 2022.

The RR/CC currently is preparing to conduct the Statewide Primary Nominating Election to be held on June 7, 2022. While it is too late to consolidate a Special Council District 10 Primary Election onto the June 7, 2022 Election, consolidating a possible Special Runoff Election onto the November 8, 2022 Election is feasible if a Special Primary Election is held at least 70 days before that date.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Calling, ordering, and conducting the Special Election(s) to fill the vacancy in the Office of the City Council, 10th District, is estimated to cost the City \$3.1M (includes both City and RR/CC costs).

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