

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance calling a Special Election on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Los Angeles a certified initiative ordinance regarding hotel land use, replacement housing, and police permit requirements, and a program placing unhoused individuals in vacant hotel rooms, and consolidating this Special Election with the City's Primary Nominating Election and the State Primary Election to be held on the same date.

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2022, the City Clerk presented the City Council with a certified initiative petition in support of the initiative ordinance referenced above;

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2022, the City Council adopted a Resolution, pursuant to City Charter Section 452, to submit the initiative ordinance to the voters of the City of Los Angeles at an election to be held together with the City's Primary Nominating Election on March 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance formally calls the Special Election for the initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A Special Election is hereby called to be held in the City of Los Angeles on March 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles an initiative ordinance regarding hotel land use, replacement housing, and police permit requirements, and a program placing unhoused individuals in vacant hotel rooms.

Sec. 2. The complete text of the initiative ordinance is contained in the attachment to the Resolution adopted by the City Council on August 5, 2022 (Council File 22-0822).

Sec. 3. The vote requirement for the initiative ordinance to pass is a majority of the votes cast.

Sec. 4. The ballot title and question adopted by the City Council to be used at the Special Election for the initiative ordinance shall be as follows and shall include a letter designation as determined by the City Council in accordance with applicable City and State law:

HOTEL LAND USE, REPLACEMENT HOUSING, AND POLICE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; PROGRAM PLACING UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS IN VACANT HOTEL ROOMS. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE ____.

Shall an ordinance requiring certain hotel development projects obtain a land use permit based on affordable housing impacts and other factors, and replace demolished or converted housing with affordable housing; adding police permit requirements for hotels; establishing a program to place unhoused individuals in vacant hotel rooms; and providing specified exceptions and waivers; be adopted?

Sec. 5. To vote on the initiative ordinance, the voter shall mark the ballot next to the word "Yes" or the word "No." A "Yes" vote shall be counted in favor of adoption of the initiative ordinance and a "No" vote shall be counted against adoption of the initiative ordinance.

Sec. 6. The Special Election hereby called shall be, and hereby is ordered to be, consolidated with the City's Primary Nominating Election and the State Primary Election to be held in the City of Los Angeles on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Sec. 7. The vote centers for the Special Election shall be open as required and during the identified voting period established in the California Elections Code and as administered by the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the State Primary Election.

Sec. 8. The election precincts, vote centers, and officers of election for the Special Election shall be the same as those provided in the City of Los Angeles for the State Primary Election, and the elections shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election. The list or order prepared by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk designating election precincts, vote centers, and election officers for the State Primary Election, is hereby approved, incorporated into, and made part of this ordinance.


Sec. 9. The City Clerk shall administer the filing, printing, and distribution of all items contained in the City's Voter Information Pamphlet as provided in the City Election Code, including impartial summaries, ballot arguments, and rebuttal arguments regarding the initiative ordinance. In all other particulars, the Special Election shall be held and conducted pursuant to the laws applicable to elections consolidated with the State Primary Election. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles shall have authority to canvass the returns of the Special Election and transmit the certified election results to the City Council.

Sec. 10. The election activities and functions ordered, provided for, and noticed by this ordinance shall not be operative, and this special election shall not be held, if the ballot measure is withdrawn from the ballot not later than 88 days before the election date, as provided in the City Election Code

Sec. 11. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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Date August 14, 2023

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____