

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE LBC**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ALIGN THE CITY'S PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION
DATES WITH THE STATE'S PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION DATES HELD IN EVEN-
NUMBERED YEARS**

On August 9, 2022, the Long Beach City Council placed Measure LBC on the ballot. This measure would amend the Long Beach City Charter to align the City's primary and general election dates with the State's primary and general election dates held in even-numbered years.

City Charter Section 1901 currently requires the City to hold its municipal primary election on the second Tuesday in April in even-numbered years, and its general municipal election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in even-numbered years. Section 1901 also provides that candidates elected to office assume office on the third Tuesday in July.

This measure would amend Section 1901 of the City Charter to schedule the City's municipal elections to coincide with the State's primary and general elections. The State's primary occurs in March for presidential primary years and in June for gubernatorial primary years. The State's general elections occur in November for both presidential and gubernatorial elections.

Because this measure requires the general election to occur in November, Section 1901 would also be amended to provide that candidates elected to office assume office on the third Tuesday in December, or such later date as necessary to canvass and certify November election results.

A "yes" vote will result in Los Angeles County running the City's elections which will have a reoccurring fiscal impact estimated at \$3.1 million total for the primary and general elections, which is generally reflective of the City's current election administration costs.

A "no" vote will likely result in the City running its own elections, which will have a fiscal impact that includes a reoccurring cost of \$4.4 million total for the primary and general elections and one-time costs of \$2.5 million to acquire the equipment, facility and staffing needed to for the City to run its elections.

A "yes" vote favors aligning City elections with the State election schedule.

A "no" vote opposes aligning City elections with the State election schedule and keeps the existing City election schedule in place.

A majority of "yes" votes is required for this measure to pass.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure LBC. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the Elections Official's office at (562) 570-6101 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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