

VOTE NO to keep local control in Long Beach elections!!

In 2020 the California Supreme Court determined that charter cities are exempt from state mandates on election date changes.

Long Beach is one of 125 Charter Cities in California. The League of California Cities notes that charter cities benefit by having supreme authority over “municipal affairs”, including structure, contracting out services, and conducting city elections.

Having LA County run our elections has **NOT** benefitted Long Beach voters.

When the LB City Clerk conducts our elections, voters have results within 24 hours; but the county-conducted election results take up to two weeks. In 2020 when Long Beach voters requested a recount on local Measure A’s final 16 vote outcome, LA County demanded an unaffordable \$200K fee, resulting in no recount.

The polarized 2020 presidential election created the biggest turnout in 100 years. It is misleading to compare 2020 to prior years to justify this change. In addition, Presidential elections only happen every four years, while Long Beach votes every two years.

In the 2022 June California primary, every voter received a mailed ballot that had **state and local races combined**. The Long Beach voter turnout was only 29.36%. It’s not about alignment, it’s about educating the importance of voting!

Finally, if this measure is approved, newly elected officials will not be seated until seven months after the primary. That’s a long time to leave any outgoing lame-duck politicians in charge!

VOTE NO to keep LOCAL ISSUES important with LOCALLY CONTROLLED ELECTIONS!