

# NOTICE OF FIRST JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG BEACH CITY CHARTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may convene, a joint public hearing will be held before the Long Beach City Council and the Long Beach City Charter Amendment Committee, at the City Civic Chambers of Long Beach City Hall, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California 90802. At the public hearing, the City Council and Committee will consider and receive comments from the community regarding the following proposed amendments to the Long Beach City Charter (“Charter”):

- 1. City of Long Beach Civil Service and Human Resources Measure.** A Charter amendment to combine the Civil Service and Human Resources Departments into one unified hiring department to manage all employee recruitment, hiring, and classified employee certifications; establish an independent Civil Service Employee Rights and Appeals Commission to resolve complaints regarding Civil Service rules, to adjudicate classified employee disciplinary appeals; and to implement classified hiring preferences for Long Beach residents, students from local colleges and universities, current employees, and certain internships/apprenticeships.
- 2. City of Long Beach Harbor and Public Utilities Measure.** A Charter amendment to reduce the terms of Harbor and Public Utilities Commissioners to four years, transfer authority over Harbor Department employment and personnel matters from the Board of Harbor Commissioners to the Department’s Chief Executive Officer, excepting a Board-appointed Chief Operating Officer, Executive Officer to the Board, Board staff, and increasing penalties for violations of Harbor Department rules from \$500 to \$1,000, and changing the date for approval of the Harbor budget.

This hearing fulfills the requirements of City Charter §1903 and California Government Code §34458 for a first public hearing to consider amendments to city charters. If the City Council and Committee approve further consideration of these amendments, a second noticed public hearing will be held as required by law.

The text of these proposed amendments will be available prior to the hearing for public review and inspection at the Long Beach City Clerk’s Office, located in the main lobby of Long Beach City Hall, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public hearing or to submit written comments. Any written comments should be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office no later than the time of the public hearing. Public comments also can be made at the public hearing at the time and place first set forth above. If you have questions regarding this notice or the matter to be heard, or if you are disabled and need accommodation to participate in the public hearing, please call the Long Beach City Clerk’s Office at (562) 570-6101. Requests for accommodation should be made at least three working days prior to the hearing so reasonable arrangements can be made.