

Meeting Date: 7/26/2016

Report Type: Staff/Discussion

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Title: November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election – Select Argument Authors for One Measure on the Ballot: Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission Act

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution authorizing members of the City Council to author arguments for and/or against the Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission Act measure that will be presented to the voters in the November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election sample ballot.

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Presenter: None

Department: City Clerk

Division: City Clerk

Dept ID: 04001011

Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Shirley Concolino - 7/19/2016 3:22:47 PM

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Select and authorize members of the City Council to author and submit an argument in opposition to and/or in support of the following measures for the November 8, 2016 ballot: Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission Act. This action will ensure that the Council's argument(s) are selected for printing in the official sample ballot pursuant to the selection criteria contained in California Elections Code section 9287 and Sacramento City Code section 1.16.070.

Policy Considerations: If the recommended action is taken, the City Council would secure its priority in the City Clerk's selection of ballot arguments should more than one argument be submitted in opposition or in support of the measure.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: If more than one argument for or against any approved measure is filed with the City Clerk, and the City Council has selected and authorized argument authors by resolution, the City Clerk would be required to select the City Council's argument.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

Background:

For City Council measures, the City Council, or any councilmember(s) authorized by the City Council, may file a written argument in support and/or opposition to a measure. If the City Council, or authorized member(s), do not submit an argument for a City Council measure, any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may submit an argument in support or opposition of the measure.

Up to five authors' names will be printed with the argument. If the City Council, as a body, chooses to submit an argument, at least one Councilmember should be designated as the author.

If more than one argument is received for a given position, the City Clerk will follow the selection criteria outlined in California Elections Code section 9287 and Sacramento City Code section 1.16.070, which provide for the following author priority: (a) the legislative body, or member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body; (b) charter officers or department directors; (c) bona fide associations of citizens; and (d) individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.

The primary arguments are due in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2016. The rebuttal arguments are due in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2016.

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ARGUMENT(S) FOR THE SACRAMENTO INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACT MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

BACKGROUND

- A. On December 1, 2015, the City Council adopted a resolution calling for, and giving notice of, a Primary Municipal Election to be held on June 7, 2016 and requesting consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the November 8, 2016 Statewide General Municipal Election.
- B. On July 26, 2016, the City Council passed a resolution approving the measure text and placement on the November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election of ballot measure known as the Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission Act.
- C. The City Council desires to submit argument(s) for the measure.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the following members, on behalf of the City Council, to file a written argument **for** the Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission Act:

Name(s) _____

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the following members, on behalf of the City Council, to file a written argument **against** the Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission Act:

Name(s) _____

Section 3. The arguments shall be prepared in accordance with the California Elections Code and the Election Official's printing guidelines available from the City Clerk.

Section 4. The City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of origin.