



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 2, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: City Attorney's Office
City Clerk Division, Administrative Services Department

SUBJECT: Potential Ballot Measure Regarding Even-Year Elections

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive an oral presentation from the City Attorney regarding the status of even-year elections research and discuss a potential measure to be placed on the November ballot regarding even-year elections.

DISCUSSION:

This item is continued from the meeting of May 19, 2015.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

Settlement Terms	Option 1 – Plaintiffs’ Consent Not Required – Intermediate Implementation	Option 2 – Plaintiffs’ Consent Required – Earliest Implementation	Option 3 – Plaintiffs’ Consent Not Required – Delayed Implementation
First elections shall be in November 2015, three districts, must include two with highest LCVAP	Districts 1, 2 & 3 up in November 2015	Districts 1, 2 & 3 up in November 2015	Districts 1, 2 & 3 up in November 2015
2015 elected term shall be four years “and until their successors are qualified”	Proposed Charter amendment with one-time 5-year terms for districts 1, 2 & 3 (to 2020)	Proposed Charter amendment with one-time 3-year terms for districts 1, 2 & 3 (to 2018)	D123 are 4-year terms (to 2019), Proposed Charter amendment to have 3-year terms one-time in 2019 (to 2022)
Districts not filled in 2015 “shall be up for election in November 2017”	Districts 4, 5 & 6 up in November 2017	Proposed Charter amendment to conduct D456 elections in 2016	Districts 4, 5 & 6 up in November 2017
2017 elected term shall be four years “and until their successors are qualified”	Proposed Charter amendment with one-time 5-year terms for districts 4, 5 & 6 (to 2022)	D456 are 4-year terms (to 2020)	D456 are 4-year terms (to 2021), Proposed Charter amendment to have 3-year terms one-time in 2021 (to 2024)
Thereafter, the elections 2019 and 2021 “shall also be held using the electoral district map agreed to by the parties”	No mandate to conduct elections in 2019 and 2021 – City must use electoral map, however.	No mandate to conduct elections in 2019 and 2021 – City must use electoral map, however.	No mandate to conduct elections in 2019 and 2021 – City must use electoral map, however
Mayoral Impacts	Mayor in 2016 or 2017, four year term or three year term to sync with presidential election cycle and D123 by 2020	Mayor in 2016 or 2017, four year term or three year term to sync with presidential election cycle and D456 by 2020	Mayor in 2016 or 2017, four year term or three year term to sync with presidential election cycle and D456 by 2024
New, Next Election Cycles	Mayoral in 2016 or 2017, D456 in 2017, Mayoral & D123 in 2020, D456 in 2022	Mayoral in 2016 or 2017, D456 in 2016, D123 in 2018, Mayoral & D123 in 2020, D456 in 2020	Mayoral in 2016 or 2017, D123 in 2015, D456 in 2017, D123 in 2019, Mayoral in 2020, D456 in 2021

Settlement Terms	Option 1 – Plaintiffs’ Consent Not Required – Intermediate Implementation
First elections shall be in November 2015, three districts, must include two with highest LCVAP	Districts 1, 2 & 3 up in November 2015
2015 elected term shall be four years <i>“and until their successors are qualified”</i>	Proposed Charter amendment with one-time 5-year terms for D123 (to 2020)
Districts not filled in 2015 “shall be up for election in November 2017”	Districts 4, 5 & 6 up in November 2017
2017 elected term shall be four years <i>“and until their successors are qualified”</i>	Proposed Charter amendment with one-time 5-year terms for D456 (to 2022)
Thereafter, the elections 2019 and 2021 “shall also be held using the electoral district map agreed to by the parties”	No mandate to conduct elections in 2019 and 2021 – City must use electoral map, however.
Mayoral Impacts	Mayor in 2016 or 2017, four year term or three year term to sync with presidential election cycle and D123 by 2020
Next Election Cycles	Mayoral in 2016 or 2017, D123 in 2015, D456 in 2017, Mayoral & D123 in 2020, D456 in 2022

Settlement Terms	Option 2 – Plaintiffs’ Consent Required – Earliest Implementation
First elections shall be in November 2015, three districts, must include two with highest LCVAP	Districts 1, 2 & 3 up in November 2015
2015 elected term shall be four years “and until their successors are qualified”	Proposed Charter amendment with one-time 3-year terms for D123 (to 2018)
Districts not filled in 2015 “shall be up for election in November 2017”	Proposed Charter amendment to conduct D456 elections in 2016
2017 elected term shall be four years “and until their successors are qualified”	D456 are 4-year terms (to 2020)
Thereafter, the elections 2019 and 2021 “shall also be held using the electoral district map agreed to by the parties”	No mandate to conduct elections in 2019 and 2021 – City must use electoral map, however.
Mayoral Impacts	Mayor in 2016 or 2017, four year term or three year term to sync with presidential election cycle and D456 by 2020
Next Election Cycles	Mayoral in 2016 or 2017, D123 in 2015, D456 in 2016, D123 in 2018, Mayoral & D456 in 2020

Settlement Terms	Option 3 – Plaintiffs’ Consent Not Required – Delayed Implementation
First elections shall be in November 2015, three districts, must include two with highest LCVAP	Districts 1, 2 & 3 up in November 2015
2015 elected term shall be four years <i>“and until their successors are qualified”</i>	D123 are 4-year terms (to 2019), Proposed Charter amendment to have 3-year terms one-time in 2019 (to 2022)
Districts not filled in 2015 “shall be up for election in November 2017”	Districts 4, 5 & 6 up in November 2017
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Mayoral Impacts	Mayor in 2016 or 2017, four year term or three year term to sync with presidential election cycle by 2020 and D456 by 2024
Next Election Cycles	Mayoral in 2016 or 2017, D123 in 2015, D456 in 2017, D123 in 2019, Mayoral in 2020, D456 in 2021