

Council Meeting of
December 8, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: SUBJECT: Report by the City Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment on the December 7, 2009 meeting regarding election consolidation with the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education, election date and vote by mail election.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment that City Council receive the Committee report and provide direction with respect to an action item proposed at the December 7, 2009 meeting of the Committee.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Torrance City Council held a joint meeting with the TUSD Board on November, 9, 2009 to identify joint collaboration opportunities and efficiencies in an effort to share resources and seek ways to maximize savings for both entities. During the discussion at the joint meeting, Councilman Furey introduced the idea of combining the City and TUSD elections to reduce cost and save money. The discussion that followed also included the possibility of having a vote by mail election as suggested by Councilman Brewer and changing the current election dates for the City and TUSD. Since the initial discussions regarding collaboration with TUSD were initiated at the Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment, the Committee decided to schedule a meeting to discuss issues related to elections as a follow up to the joint meeting with TUSD.

The City Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment met on December 7, 2009 to discuss issues related to election consolidation with the Torrance Unified School district, a possible vote by mail election, as well as a new election date. City Clerk Sue Herbers shared information regarding the requirements of the Elections Code of the State of California, vote by mail elections, election deadline requirements, costs, as well as the possibility of changing election dates. The City Attorney confirmed that in order to change the City's election date, the City Council must approve a ballot measure to be submitted to Torrance voters.

A discussion ensued among the Committee members about the challenges and opportunities as they relate to consolidated elections. The Committee members were intrigued with the potential savings associated with combining elections. In order to combine the City and TUSD elections, a new election date must be established that does

not conflict with State elections. The committee members discussed several potential dates, including holding elections in November of odd years, or in early Spring. An interested party, Mr. Charles Deemer noted that the El Camino College District holds its election on the first Tuesday in November. The committee members decided to delay any immediate action regarding vote by mail to further explore the legal issues and potential restrictions. The discussion also included deadlines related to the upcoming June election. If the City Council and the TUSD Board decide to have a consolidated election and change the election date, the decision must be made immediately to allow preparation of a ballot measure.

As an action item, the Committee recommended that the matter be discussed with the full membership of the City Council. If City Council is interested in consolidated elections and possibly changing the City's election date, then the Committee recommends that staff check with TUSD to determine the Board's desirability of consolidated elections and potential changes to the election date. Once the City receives feedback from TUSD, staff will work with the City Clerk, City Attorney and TUSD representatives to ensure compliance with upcoming election deadlines.

Upon receiving Council direction, staff will submit the request to the TUSD Superintendent for immediate review and action by the TUSD Board.

Respectfully submitted,

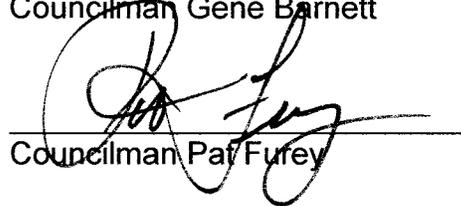
CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN
DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT



Councilman Tom Brewer, Chair



Councilman Gene Barnett



Councilman Pat Furey

- Attachments: A) Agenda of the Committee Meeting – December 7, 2009
B) Memo from the City Clerk regarding Election Consolidation with TUSD and Vote By Mail for City of Torrance – December 7, 2009

A G E N D A

CITY COUNCIL CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, December 7, 2009

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Torrance City Hall, City Manager's Assembly Room, Third Floor

COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: Councilman Tom Brewer, Chair
Councilman Pat Furey
Councilman Gene Barnett

STAFF: Mary Giordano, Assistant City Manager
Aram Chaparyan, Assistant to the City Manager
John Fellows, City Attorney
Sue Herbers, City Clerk

SUBJECT: ELECTION CONSOLIDATION

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Chairman Brewer |
| II. | Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Election Consolidation with the Torrance Unified School District ▶ Potential for Mail Ballot Elections ▶ Change of Election Date | Committee Members |
| III. | Public Comment | |
| VII. | Adjournment | |

Date: December 7, 2009

**To: Members of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee
Chairman Brewer and
Members Barnett and Furey**

From: Sue Herbers, City Clerk

Re: Election Consolidation with TUSD and Vote By Mail for City of Torrance

I have always started any conversation with the following:

- The price of democracy is not inexpensive.
- Each election is different from the next despite any similarities.

History:

The City of Torrance is a Charter city whose charter allows enhanced local authority under State Law and the State Constitution.

Torrance Charter Section 500 states reads as follows:

SECTION 500. PROCEDURE FOR HOLDING ELECTIONS.

All elections shall be held in the manner prescribed in the Elections Code of the State of California for the holding of elections in general law cities, so far as the same may be applicable and excepting as herein otherwise provided. No person shall be entitled to vote in any such election unless he shall be a qualified elector of said City or school district. The City Council may by ordinance provide a procedure for the holding of City elections, in which event such procedure shall prevail over the provisions of the said Elections Code.

The City of Torrance has changed election dates over the years.

- Torrance moved from April to March in 1974.
- The state legislature changed the primary election date to the third week in March in 1996 which precipitated many changes that allowed many cities to change election dates. Torrance did not change the date at that time and opted to hold an the general municipal election three weeks prior to the Primary election.
- The legislature continued to move the Primary elections and in November 1999 there was an attempt to move the Torrance elections to May of the even number years. It was defeated.
- In November 2004 a measure to move the election to the June primary was passed by the voters.

One cycle is on the presidential primary and the second is the gubernatorial primary. Torrance is required to request permission from the Los Angeles County Board of Education to share the County ballot.

No other city has a general election on a primary election.

Moving Dates:

CA Elections Code Section 10403.5 (b) *As a result of the adoption of an ordinance pursuant to this section, no term of office shall be increased or decreased by more than 12 months. As used in this subdivision, "12 months" means the period between the day upon which the term of office would otherwise have commenced and the first Tuesday after the second Monday in the 12th month before or after that day, inclusive.*

Types of elections:

Stand alone – conducted by the agency using in-house staff possibly with the addition of some part time or temporary staff. This requires working with the election supplier for handling activities from consolidation of precincts, renting poll locations, staffing polls with qualified individuals, publication of all notices, mailing and handling all Vote By Mail materials and verification of returned VBM materials. All results are done completed within a two week period for certification by the city clerk as the election official.

Consolidated – City Clerk has proscribed duties including working with the candidates for the candidates statements and required paperwork with all printing and voting materials handled by the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder. The results have a 28 day canvass with the Registrar certifying results.

Vote by Mail – Working with the election supplier ballots are mailed to all registered voters. Voters vote and return the signed ballots back to the city by mail or by hand. The returned ballots are kept in house and all ballot signatures verified using a Los Angeles County Voting Information Management System (VIMS Lite). Ballots may be returned on Election Day to designated locations (number to be determined according to need) until 8:00 p.m. This includes being able to return to the City Clerk at any time.

Election Dates:

Established Election dates are called out in the CA Elections Code. **1000.** The established election dates in each year are as follows:

- (a) The second Tuesday of April in each even-numbered year.
- (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year.
- (c) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in each year.
- (d) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each year.
- (e) The first Tuesday in February of each year evenly divisible by the number four.

1001. Elections held in June and November of each even-numbered year and held the first Tuesday in February of each year evenly divisible by the number four are statewide elections and these dates are statewide election dates.

1002. Except as provided in Section 1003, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, all state, county, municipal, district, and school district elections shall be held on an established election date.

1003. This chapter shall not apply to the following:

- (a) Any special election called by the Governor.
- (b) Elections held in chartered cities or chartered counties in which the charter provisions are inconsistent with this chapter.
- (c) School governing board elections consolidated pursuant to Section 1302.2 or initiated by petition pursuant to Section 5091 of the Education Code.
- (d) Elections of any kind required or permitted to be held by a school district located in a chartered city or county when the election is consolidated with a regular city or county election held in a jurisdiction that includes 95 percent or more of the school district's population.
- (e) County, municipal, district, and school district initiative, referendum, or recall elections.

(f) Any election conducted solely by mailed ballot pursuant to Division 4 (commencing with Section 4000).

(g) Elections held pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 15100) of Chapter 1, or pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 15340) of Chapter 2 of, Part 10 of the Education Code.

CA Elections Code Section 10403.5 (c) If an election is held on a day specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1301*, and the election is consolidated with another election this part, except Section **10403**, shall govern the consolidation and, ~~if the county elections official is requested to conduct the municipal election, Section 10002 shall be applicable to that election.~~

*See last page for sections of Elections Code.

I do see strong reasons for moving off the June even years ballot. These elections are strong primary elections and therefore quite partisan while the municipal elections are non partisan and allow the local candidate and electorate to focus on the local issues of the offices.

There are pros and cons to each election date general date.

Most cities use March or April of even years is a good mid year choice.

June of odd years would keep the terms as they

Quite a few use March of odd years and the election supplier has asked that we stay from that date as there are so many cities that have elections that it makes it

More difficult to give optimum service.

Vote By Mail:

The election process has changed and continues to change due to new technologies and societal changes. The Absent Voter statutes have evolved from a process for those unable to physically visit the polls to allow anyone to choose to sign up as a permanent absent voter. However the codes as written do not extend to any statewide election.

The Vote By Mail method may be used by the City but requires a measure asking voters to change the election date as no VBM election may be held on a statewide election where Torrance currently resides.

If a date change is approved by the voters the City Council could of its own actions adopt an ordinance allowing for the Vote by Mail process which would follow the CA Elections Code.

Burbank has been using the VBM method for some time and Santa Barbara just finished an interesting municipal election that generated much praise despite some issues that arose due to the sheer size of the ballot (2 cards and a 60 page sample ballot pamphlet).

There are general law cities in the high desert that are holding elections to become charter cities in order to take advantage of the VBM option.

I have left a message with Fred Smoller of Brandman University who has some expertise in the VBM field for additional information. To view an interview with him go to <http://cbs2.com/video/?id=120136@kcbs.dayport.com>

Costs

I have not heard from Los Angeles County Registrar on the estimated cost of the June 2010 election as yet.

The cost of the 2008 election for three Council candidates and 1 ballot measure was \$174,096.38 (\$155,395.75 minus the candidate statements) This cost does not include the printing costs for publications as required by law nor does it include staffing due to the anomalies in the City Clerk's office at that time.

The City Council has typically assisted candidates with the ballot statement to keep the costs down for all candidates. Actual cost of statements was \$18,700.63 with 14 candidates (14 X \$400 = \$5,600).

The cost of the 2006 election was \$158,518.30. Note that there are increases most probably due to inflation factors.

I have attached a copy of the email from Scott Martin with some of the projected costs for VBM elections.

School Board elections:

This is one area where additional information is needed. I have been unable in this short period of time to go out to find evidence of a vote by mail election. I believe that TUSD has indicated that their search has shown that no school district may conduct a VBM ballot. I have heard that there are some mechanisms in the Education Code for school district to have elections waived by the State Department of Education but I am unsure if it applies to school boards.

Estimates have been supplied by election supplier Scott Martin.

The size of any ballot is a large factor. Added measures add an approximate \$10,000 per election.

Friday, December 4, 2009

We have put together a comparison for you as best we can, as there are so many variables that can happen - see the attached.

We did 4 complete costs comparisons, based on mayor, 3 council, clerk, treasurer, both with and without the 3 school board. In the years in which there is no mayor or clerk or treasurer, the costs only go down by the costs of the candidates statements and translations, which I think you bill to the candidates anyways. All other costs remain. The addition of the school board only increases the costs by the number of candidates and candidates statements.

In all cases, the addition of a measure adds either \$10,000 (if it stays on the same single card) or \$28,000 if it causes the ballot to go to a 2nd ballot card for each voter.

The ROV costs shown are only what I know and have been told by other cities. You need to get more precise quotes from them for their services. For a polling location election, they initiate their files, assist you with consolidating county precincts into less city voting precincts, loan equipment, send us the voter file, and will check signatures for you. For an all mail ballot, they only initiate an election and send us a voter file, so their costs are less. You will have to sign up for VIMS Late, which allows you to log on to their system and check signatures from your office. Cost is minimal.

Besides the costs shown on the attached spreadsheet, you should include:

-Notices and publications

-Staff time for:

1. For poll place election, finding poll locations and poll workers, and verifying signatures on vbm ballots

2. For all mail ballot, verifying signatures on vbm ballots

-Possible purchase or rental of 5-7 PCs to track incoming ballots and verify signatures

WE just completed an all mail ballot election, with 2 cards per voter, in Santa Barbara November 3. And Burbank had 2 all mail ballot elections earlier this year. You might want to give Cyndi Rodriguez, City Clerk in Santa Barbara, or Margarita Campos, City Clerk in Burbank, a call for some guidelines and recommendations.

As far as dates, being a charter city you can pick any date. Just please-please-please do not consider the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of the odd year - that is when we have 50+ other cities and would not be able to give you the attention you would need. The 2nd Tuesday of April of odd is OK, and February and March of even years are OK, as is December odd as you mention.

These estimates are not based on the hide-a-signature envelopes, as those type of envelopes may not be able to be used for an all mail ballot due to the size of the outgoing envelopes that contain a full size voter information pamphlet along with the ballots. This is something we would have to check on. They can be used for poll location elections and would add about an additional \$20,000-\$30,000 to the cost of the election. In my opinion, you don't need to go there until the county does.

Thanks,

Scott Martin
Martin & Chapman Co.
714-939-9866

TORRANCE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

Compiled 12-4-2009

Parameters Used:

Registered Voters (Active): 74500
 Polling Places: 40
 City Only Election: 12 Candidates
 City & School Election: 20 Candidates
 All Mail Ballots assumes a 35% return

	POLLING PLACES		ALL MAIL BALLOT	
	City Only	City & School	City Only	City & School Optional
ESTIMATED COSTS				
Martin & Chapman Co invoice	\$141,500.00	\$154,000.00	\$137,500.00	\$149,000.00
Postage-Sample Ballots	\$18,663.00	\$18,663.00	\$18,663.00	\$18,663.00
Postage-PVBM Ballots-sent by M&C	\$5,720.00	\$5,720.00		
Postage-VBM Ballots-sent out by Clerk	\$3,080.00	\$3,080.00		
Postage-Business Reply for Return Ballots				\$13,850.00
Poll Worker Salaries	\$19,600.00	\$19,600.00		
Polling Place Rental Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
ROV-Election Initiation Fee	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
ROV- Precinct Consolidations	\$2,330.00	\$2,330.00		
ROV-Precinct Supply Processing	\$2,704.00	\$2,704.00		
Bar Code Scanner for Signature verification	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
	<u>\$195,747.00</u>	<u>\$208,247.00</u>	<u>\$157,763.00</u>	<u>\$169,263.00</u>
ROV-Signature Verification if County does	\$4,550.00	\$4,550.00	not available	not available
To the any of the above, the addition of a measure(s) costs:				
6 additional pages per measure in Sample Ballot for Text, Analysis, Arguments, Rebuttals	\$8,000.00			
Translations - Spanish Ballots - if fits on same card	\$1,600.00			
	\$300.00			
Stays on 1 card	<u>\$9,900.00</u>			
Ballots - if causes to go to a 2nd card for each voter	\$18,500.00			
Creates a 2nd card	<u>\$28,400.00</u>	includes the \$9,900 above		

Herbers, Sue

From: Scott Martin [scott@martinchapman.com]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 12:53 PM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: RE: RUN OFF ELECTION ESTIMATE - BALLPARK ok
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**PREVIOUS
QUOTE**

Hi Sue

Here are the estimates . . .

MAY 2008 MARTIN AND CHAPMAN ESTIMATE

Polling Place or Mail Ballot Election based on 73,073 Registered Voters (April 4, 2008)

NOTE: Estimate requested in the event that a tie vote occurs.

These are based on the following:

- 13,000 vote-by-mail ballots if polling place election
- 35 polling places (or 3 drop off sites for mail ballot election)
- 4 candidates (costs include candidates statements)
- Sample Ballots in English Chinese Korean and Spanish (for DOJ compliance) – candidate costs are included in the overall costs
 - if polling place election, Sample Ballots in 4 languages, approximately 18 pages – assuming 4 or less candidates
 - if all mail ballot, 1 11 x 17 Voter Pamphlet in English and Spanish for all voters, 1 11 x 17 for voters in Chinese and Korean to those indicated on the county file – assuming 4 or less candidates
- For polling place election - we will address, insert and mail out your approximately 10,000 Permanent Vote-By Mail voter (PVM) ballots for you, you will only have to handle the daily VBM's that come in
- For all mail ballot election, we do all the inserting and mailing
- The county will provide you with the VIMS signature retrieval system for you to check your own signatures at city hall

Costs	Polling Places	Mail Ballot
Martin & Chapman's costs	\$124,024.00	\$91,082.00
Postage - Outgoing SB	\$16,131.00	\$16,131.00
Postage - Outgoing AV's	\$4,090.00	included above
Postage - Returned AV's (40%)	\$0.00	\$13,198.00 (if city pays for it)
Poll Workers & Polling Places	\$12,775.00	\$0.00
Estimated County charges	\$3,500.00	\$1000.00
TOTAL	\$160,520.00	\$121,411.00

Once the council has determined what date the election will be, I will generate a Calendar of Events, and once it is determined if you will do polling places or all mail ballot, I will forward to you a formal estimate.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Not addressed:

Change to district elections: The City elects at large and has always done so. There are some who may look to have the City elect candidates by district. This change would have a significant impact in that additional ballot types entail additional costs.

California Voting Rights Act –

The Help America Vote Act – Federal legislation recently renewed, was written to ensure that all voters are included. Cities in Los Angeles County who conduct stand alone elections have been called on the manner in which they provided information to voters in their native languages. Of the five cities originally notified by the Department of Justice, three cities are still being watched.

Instant Runoff Voting

CA Elections CODE Section 10403.5. (a) (1) Any city ordinance requiring its general municipal election to be held on a day specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1301 shall be approved by the board of supervisors unless the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capability is such that additional **elections** or materials cannot be handled. Prior to adoption of a resolution to either approve or deny a consolidation request, the board or boards of supervisors shall each obtain from the **elections** official a report on the cost-effectiveness of the proposed action.

(2) A city, by itself or in concert with other cities, may purchase or otherwise contribute to the purchase of **elections** equipment, including, but not limited to, a computer for the purposes of conducting a consolidated election when the equipment shall be owned by the county.

(b) As a result of the adoption of an ordinance pursuant to this section, no term of office shall be increased or decreased by more than 12 months. As used in this subdivision, "12 months" means the period between the day upon which the term of office would otherwise have commenced and the first Tuesday after the second Monday in the 12th month before or after that day, inclusive.

(c) If an election is held on a day specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1301, and the election is consolidated with another election this part, except Section 10403, shall govern the consolidation and, if the county **elections** official is requested to conduct the municipal election, Section 10002 shall be applicable to that election.

(d) If a general municipal election is held on the same day as a statewide election, those city officers whose terms of office would have, prior to the adoption of the ordinance, expired no later than the next regularly scheduled city council meeting after receipt of the certification of the results from the **elections** official shall, instead, continue in their offices until not later than that meeting.

(e) Within 30 days after the ordinance becomes operative, the city **elections** official shall cause a notice to be mailed to all registered voters informing the voters of the change in the election date. The notice shall also inform the voters that as a result in the change in the election date, the terms of office of the elected city officeholders will be changed.

**CALIFORNIA CODES
ELECTIONS CODE
SECTION 1300-1304**

1300. Except as otherwise provided in the Government Code, an election to select county officers shall be held with the statewide primary at which candidates for Governor are nominated. In the event that county officers are not elected pursuant to Sections 8140 and 8141, this election shall be deemed a primary election and a county general election shall be held with the statewide general election to select county officers.

1301. (a) Except as required by Section 57379 of the Government Code, and except as provided in subdivision (b), a general municipal election shall be held on an established election date pursuant to Section 1000.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a city council may enact an ordinance, pursuant to Division 10 (commencing with Section 10000), requiring its general municipal election to be held on the same day as the statewide direct primary election, the day of the statewide general election, on the day of school district **elections** as set forth in Section 1302, the first Tuesday after the first Monday of March in each odd-numbered year, or the second Tuesday of April in each year. Any ordinance adopted

pursuant to this subdivision shall become operative upon approval by the board of supervisors.

(2) In the event of consolidation, the general municipal election shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable procedural requirements of this **code** pertaining to that primary, general, or school district election, and shall thereafter occur in consolidation with that election.

(c) If a city adopts an ordinance described in subdivision (b), the municipal election following the adoption of the ordinance and each municipal election thereafter shall be conducted on the date specified by the city council, in accordance with subdivision (b), unless the ordinance in question is later repealed by the city council.

(d) If the date of a general municipal election is changed pursuant to subdivision (b), at least one election shall be held before the ordinance, as approved by the board of supervisors, may be subsequently repealed or amended.

1302. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the regular election to select governing board members in any school district, community college district, or county board of education shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as provided in Section 1302.5, after the initial election of governing board members in any school district, community college district, or of members of a county board of education, the election of governing board members for the district or of members of the county board of education may be established, upon the adoption of an appropriate resolution by the governing board or the county board of education, respectively, to regularly occur on the same day as the statewide direct primary election, the statewide general election, or the general municipal election as set forth in Section 1301. The resolution shall become operative upon approval by the board of supervisors pursuant to Section 10404.5 or 10405.7, as applicable. If a school district, community college district, or county board of education is located in more than one county, the district may not consolidate an election if any county in which the district is located denies the request for consolidation.

(2) If the board of supervisors approves the resolution pursuant to Section 10404.5 or 10405.7, as applicable, the election of the governing board members of the school district or community college district or of members of the county board of education shall be conducted on the date specified by the board of supervisors, in accordance with paragraph (1), unless the approval is later rescinded by the board of supervisors.

(3) In the event of consolidation, the election of governing board members of the school district or community college district or of members of the county board of education shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable procedural requirements of the **Elections Code** pertaining to that primary, general, or municipal election, and shall thereafter occur in consolidation with that election.

(4) If the date of an election is changed pursuant to this section, at least one election shall be held before the resolution, as approved by the board of supervisors, may be subsequently repealed or amended.

1302.1. In a community college district that includes the trustee areas authorized to be established pursuant to the second paragraph of Section 72022 of the **Education Code**, the consolidation of the election of trustees on the same date as the statewide general election pursuant to Section 1302 may be approved by any county or counties for the trustee areas located entirely within the county or counties. Approval by any county or counties in which

the other trustee areas are located shall be deemed to meet the requirement of staggered terms set forth in Section 72022 of the Education Code.

1302.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when an elementary, unified, high school, or community college district includes within its boundaries the same territory, or territory that is in part the same, as a chartered city, the governing board member **elections** of the elementary, unified, high school, or community college district may be consolidated with the city election pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10. The consolidation shall be effected by the officer conducting the election having jurisdiction of the elementary, unified, high school, or community college district, upon the written request of the governing board of the elementary, unified, high school, or community college district and with the written consent of the legislative body of the city. This section shall control in the event of any conflict with a prior order of the county superintendent of schools made pursuant to Section 5340 of the Education Code.

(b) When a high school district or community college district election is consolidated with that of a city pursuant to this section, and the high school district or community college district has within its boundaries component districts whose **elections** would otherwise be held on a date specified in this code, the **elections** in the component districts may be consolidated with the election in the high school district or community college district. The consolidation shall be effected by the officer conducting the election having jurisdiction of the component districts upon the written request of the governing boards thereof and with the written consent of the governing boards of the districts whose governing board member **elections** are to be consolidated with those of the component districts.

(c) Successors to incumbents holding office upon the effective date of this section, who in the absence of this section would have been elected at a different time, shall be chosen for office at the election nearest the time the terms of office of the incumbents would have otherwise expired. If an incumbent's term of office is extended because of this section, he or she shall hold office until a successor qualifies for the office, but in no event shall the term of an incumbent be extended to more than four years.

1302.3. An annual election for members of the board of education shall be held in each unified district that is coterminous with or includes in its boundaries all or any portion of a chartered city or city and county the charter of which provides for a board of education, of five members with five-year terms, with the term of one member expiring each year. The election shall be held annually on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The election shall be called by the county superintendent of schools and conducted in substantially the same manner as prescribed by Section 5000 of the Education Code.

1302.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a regular election for members of the Long Beach Community College District governing board may be held, upon the adoption of an appropriate resolution by the governing board, on the same date upon which the election for members of the City Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District is held pursuant to the City Charter of the City of Long Beach and Article 3 (commencing with Section 5340) of Chapter 3 of the Education Code.

1302.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon recommendation of the county superintendent of schools and with the approval of the county board of supervisors, the election of governing board members of school

districts whose boundaries are coterminous with the boundaries of the county, shall be consolidated with the November general election pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10.

(1) The terms of members of the governing board elected pursuant to this section shall begin at noon on the first Monday after the first day in January following the general election and shall end at noon on the first Monday after the first day in January four years thereafter.

(2) The terms of members of the governing board expiring on March 31 of any odd-numbered year next succeeding any general election shall expire at noon on the first Monday after the first day in January following the general election.

(b) When the term of an incumbent expires at midnight on March 31 of an odd-numbered year and no successor has been elected because of the provisions of subdivision (a), the members of the board whose terms have not expired shall appoint a successor to serve until a successor is elected and qualifies pursuant to subdivision (a).

1303. (a) Unless the principal act of a district provides that an election shall be held on one of the other dates specified in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1000) of Division 1, or except as provided in Section 1500, or except as provided in subdivision (b), general district election to elect members of the governing board shall be held in each special district subject to Division 10 (commencing with Section 10000) on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a governing body of a special district may require, by resolution, that its elections of governing body members be held on the same day as the statewide general election. The resolution shall become operative upon the approval of the board of supervisors pursuant to Section 10404.

1304. Unless the principal act of a district provides that an election shall be held on one of the other dates specified in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1000) of Division 1, a general district election shall be held in each district on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year to choose a successor for each elective officer the term of whose office will expire on the following first Friday in December.

Herbers, Sue

From: Campos, Margarita [MCampos@ci.burbank.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 4:46 PM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: IRV Studied by Sacramento & New York

Sue, thought you might be interested in reading the LA City Clerk's report on mail ballot elections. See below.
Margarita

From: Political Reform Program [mailto:PoliticalReformProgram@newamerica.net]
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 4:38 PM
To: Political Reform Program
Cc: Gautam Dutta
Subject: IRV Studied by Sacramento & New York

By Gautam Dutta, Deputy Director, Political Reform Program, New America Foundation
http://www.irvinla.org/latest_news/newsletter-irv-studied-sacramento-new-york

Dear Friends,

Hope you had a good Thanksgiving. We wanted to share some updates with you:

1. Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay issued a report on the feasibility and potential cost savings of all-vote-by-mail elections for LA municipal elections.

The report also incorporated an earlier City Clerk study that recommended both vote-by-mail and Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) for special elections. The full report can be found [here](#).

If IRV had been used to fill the current vacancy in the 2nd City Council District, voters would have been spared from the Dec. 8 runoff, where voter turnout is expected to plummet to single digits. What's more, taxpayers would have saved nearly \$1 million, and residents of the district would have regained representation nearly 3 months sooner.

Both candidates in this Tuesday's runoff, **Christine Essel** and **Paul Krekorian**, support IRV.

Last year, the City Council requested the City Clerk's office to prepare an in-depth study of IRV by July 2009. That report is now expected to be released shortly.

On Wednesday (Dec. 9), the Council's Rules Committee will hold a hearing on the City Clerk's vote-by-mail report, at 3 pm in City Hall Room 1050.

2. Blair Bobier, deputy director of New America Foundation's Political Reform Program, recently published an article on Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) in the Sacramento Bee:

Although the elections for City Council and mayor present two different problems – low voter turnout for the former and a hefty price tag for the latter – they share a common solution: "instant runoff voting."

If Sacramento switched to instant runoff voting, it could combine two rounds of elections into one, allowing the City Council to be elected at the high-turnout November election and eliminating one unnecessary and expensive election for mayor.

The full article can be found [here](#).

3. After a series of elections with high costs and low voter turnout, the New York State Senate is looking at ways to get rid of runoff elections in city primaries. One of these proposals is to implement Instant

Runoff Voting (IRV). The Queens Chronicle article can be found [here](#).

Have a good weekend - and if you live in District 2, don't forget to vote on Tuesday!

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Municipal Elections
General Municipal Election
April 13, 2010
Laws in effect in 2010
(Calendar laws updated 10/2009)

Date(s)	E minus	to E minus	Action
October 23	-172		Suggested Last Day to File Petitions Regarding Measure
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December 7 to December 21	-127	-113	Election Official to Publish Notice of Election - Candidates
December 14	-120		Last Day to Adopt Regulations for Candidates Statements
December 21 to January 15 or January 19	-113	-88	Filing Period for Nomination Papers and Candidate's Statements
		-84	<i>(if city is closed on Friday and Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day)</i>
December 22	-112		Suggested Last Day to Call Election For Ballot Measures
December 23	-111		Suggested Last Day to Post Notice of Deadline for Filing Arguments
January 5	-98		Suggested Last Day to File Arguments / Must Be 14 days after Council calls Election
January 15	-88		Suggested Last Day to File Rebuttal Arguments / 10 Days after Arguments
January 15	-88		Last Day to Call Election For Ballot Measures
January 15 or January 19	-88	-84	Last Day to File Nomination Papers
January 20	-83		Last Day to File Nomination Papers – Extended Filing Period
January 20	-83		Last Day to Withdraw Measure(s) from Ballot
January 21	-82		Secretary of State to Determine Order of Names on Ballot
January 28	-75		Time to Cancel Election – Insufficient Candidates
January 31			Last Day to File Campaign Expenditure Statements - Semi-Annual Statement
February 11	-61		Last Day to Submit Precinct Consolidations to County
February 11	-61		Suggested Last Day to Designate Polling Places
February 11	-61		Suggested Last Day To Request Postage Check for Mailing of Sample Ballot Pamphlets
February 15 to March 30	-57	-14	Filing Period for Write-in Candidate
March 4	-40		Last Day to File Campaign Expenditure Statements - 1st Pre-election Statement
March 4 to March 15	-40	-29	Suggested Time to Alert Your Local Post Office of Upcoming Mailings
March 15	-29		Last Day to Designate Polling Places & Appoint Precinct Board Members
March 15	-29		First Day to Mail out Permanent Vote-by-Mail Voter Ballots
March 15 to April 6	-29	-7	Voters May Request Vote-by-Mail Ballots with Regular Applications
March 23	-21		Last Day to Mail Sample Ballots and Polling Place Notices
March 29	-15		Last Day to Register to Vote
March 30	-14		Last Day to File for Write-in Candidate
March 30	-14		Last Day to Prepare List of Precincts with Multi-lingual Precinct Board Members
April 1	-12		Last Day to File Campaign Expenditure Statements - 2nd Pre-election Statement
April 1	-12		Post Notice – Vote-by-Mail Canvass
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April 6	-7		Last Day to Publish Notice of Polling Places
April 6	-7		Last Day to Post Notice of Polling Places & Precinct Board Members
April 7 to April 13	-6		Emergency/Late Vote-by-Mail Voting Period
April 9	-4		Suggested Last Day to Post Notice of Manual Tally
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April 13	0		Last Day to Receive Vote-by-Mail Voter Ballots
April 13	0		Election Official to Canvass Vote-by-Mail Voter Ballots
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April 19 to May 7			Reorganize Council and Choose Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem
			<i>(At same meeting as Declaration of Results and Installation)</i>
No Later Than May 11	28		Last Day to Post Notice of Precinct Board Members
May 19 to June 6			Last Day to File Statement of Economic Interests
			<i>(30 days after Assuming Office)</i>
July 31			Last Day to File Campaign Expenditure Statements - Semi-Annual Statement
April 1, 2011			Last Day to Submit Report on Measures to Secretary of State

Municipal Elections
General Municipal Election
March 8, 2011
Laws in effect in 2010
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September 17	-172		Suggested Last Day to File Petitions Regarding Measure
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December 10	-88		Suggested Last Day to File Rebuttal Arguments / 10 Days after Arguments
December 10	-88		Last Day to Call Election For Ballot Measures
December 10 or December 13	-88	-85	Last Day to File Nomination Papers
December 15	-83		Last Day to File Nomination Papers – Extended Filing Period
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January 27 to February 7	-40	-29	Suggested Time to Alert Your Local Post Office of Upcoming Mailings
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February 24	-12		Last Day to File Campaign Expenditure Statements - 2nd Pre-election Statement
February 24	-12		Post Notice – Vote-by-Mail Canvass
February 25	-11		First Day to Process Returned/Voted Vote-by-Mail Voter Ballots
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Municipal Elections

June 7, 2011

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February 14 to March 11 or March 14	-113	-88	Filing Period for Nomination Papers and Candidate's Statements
		-85	<i>(if city is closed on Friday)</i>
February 15	-112		Suggested Last Day to Call Election For Ballot Measures
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March 1	-98		Suggested Last Day to File Arguments / Must Be 14 days after Council calls Election
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Municipal Elections
General Municipal Election
November 8, 2011
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ELECTION HISTORY - ELECTION DATE CHANGES

Year	Date	Type	Registered	Total Voting	% Turnout	Regular ballots	Absentee Ballots	% Absentee
2004 <small>General Presidential</small>	Nov. 2 RES. 2004-155 ADPT. DEC 07	Special (CONSOLIDATED)	72,320	61,373	85%	45,671	15,702	34%
Measure		Passed			Defeated			
MEASURE T AMEND SECTION 510 OF THE CHARTER TO CHANGE THE DATE OF HOLDING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO THE SAME DAY AS THE STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR		Yes	35,830					
		No	17,589					

Year	Date	Type	Registered	Total Voting	% Turnout	Regular ballots	Absentee Ballots	% Absentee
1999	November 2 RES. 99-131 ADPT. DEC 7	Special (CONSOLIDATED)	75,263	8,468	11%	5,742	2,726	32%
Measure		Passed			Defeated			
MEASURE H: CHANGE CITY ELECTION DATE FROM MARCH TO MAY OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS					No			4,234
					Yes			3,755

Year	Date	Type	Registered	Total Voting	% Turnout	Regular ballots	Absentee Ballots	% Absentee
1974	November 5 RES. 74-258 ADPT. DEC. 10	General Municipal	72,654	45,025	62%	44,040	985	2.2%
Measure		Passed			Defeated			
PROPOSITION VV CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1 ELECTIVE OFFICE VACANCIES		Yes	26,056					
		No	9,466					
PROPOSITION WW CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN MARCH OF EACH EVEN YEAR		Yes	24,660					
		No	10,347					
PROPOSITION XX CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3 COUNCIL COMPENSATION; CLERK AND TREASURER DUTIES AND COMPENSATION					No			27,603
					Yes			7,979
PROPOSITION YY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 4 POWERS & DUTIES OF CITY MANAGER; COUNCIL ACTION ON BUDGET; DEMANDS & AUDITS		Yes	19,505					
		No	15,440					

NOTE: The State Legislature may amend the Elections Code at any time to change the election day(s).
 In 1995 the 1996 California Primary was moved to the 3rd Tuesday in March;
 In 1999 the 2000 California Primary was moved to the 1st Tuesday in March.
 Currently the statewide primary election is the 1st Tuesday in June of even years.
 Pending legislation will move the 2008 California Presidential Primary to February 5, 2008.



CITY OF TORRANCE ELECTION HISTORY

Prepared by the Office of the City Clerk

INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Year	Date	Type	Registered	Total Voting	% Turnout	Regular ballots	Absentee Ballots	% Absentee
2008 <small>Presidential Primary</small>	June 6 RES. 2008-88 ADPT. JUL 1	Regular (CONSOLIDATED)	73,722	21,072	25.5%	13,187	7,905	59.9%
Councilmember		Elected		Candidates Not Elected				
		Susan Rhilinger	9,413	Gavin "Hachiya" Wasserman		6,496		
		Gene Barnett	8,234	Tim Goodrich		6,091		
		Pat Furey	7,300	Kurt Weideman		5,863		
		Cliff Numark	7,218	Rod Guyton		5,554		
				Mike Mauno		3,686		
				David Ouwerkerk		2,313		
				Donald "Don" Pyles		1,845		
				Charles M. Deemer		1,504		
				Ricky Bhavnani		798		
				S. "Sam" Bhavnani		570		
Measure		Passed		Defeated				
MEASURE T SHALL AN ORDINANCE BE ADOPTED TO RATIFY AND UPDATE TORRANCE'S EXISTING TELEPHONE UTILITY USERS' TAX, TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN SUCH ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES AS POLICE, FIRE, STREET REPAIR, PARKS, LIBRARIES, RECREATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER SERVICES THAT ARE PRESENTLY PAID FOR FROM THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND, PROVIDED THAT THE PRESENT TAX RATE WILL NOT CHANGE. LOW-INCOME SENIORS AND DISABLED PERSONS WILL REMAIN EXEMPT, AND INDEPENDENT ANNUAL AUDITS WILL BE REQUIRED?		Yes	10,716					
		No	8,346					

Year	Date		
2007	June 26		
Councilmember		Appointed	Candidates Not Appointed
RESIGNATION OF PAT MCINTYRE JUNE 2, 2007 APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY 6/26/2007		Gene Barnett	Julia Abreu-Mason Salem "Sam" Charry Charles Michel Deemer Peter A. Donnellan Christopher Graue Regina Horton Charles Leone G. Rick Marshall Mike Mauno Cliff Numark David Ouwerkerk Susan Rhilinger Richard Tsao Kurt Weideman

Year	Date		
2006	Aug. 8		
Councilmember		Appointed	Candidates Not Appointed
FRANK SCOTTO ELECTED MAYOR JUNE 6, 2006, INSTALLED 7/11/06 VACATING COUNCIL SEAT GENE DREVNO APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY 8/08/2006		Gene Drevno	Richard T. Browning (w) George Ciampa William Cook Robert R. Cupery Charles Michel Deemer Linda England Michael Griffiths Rod Guyton VJ Hirsch Harvey Horwich (w) Benito Miranda Cliff Numark Susan Rhilinger Craig Thorsen Richard Wagner Kurt Weideman Christopher Zeller