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

Members of the City Council:

SUBJECT: Receive and file information on adding a Charter Amendment to the General Municipal Election called for June 7, 2016. Expenditure: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council receive and file information on placing a charter amendment ballot measure on the General Municipal Election consolidated on the Statewide Primary Election Ballot.

Funding

Additional funding will be required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

On January 12, 2016 the City Council called for the General Municipal Election on June 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing three Councilmembers. In addition, permission to consolidate with the County on the Statewide Primary Ballot was requested and Candidate Regulations were adopted. Mayor Furey requested that the City Clerk bring back information on placing a ballot measure on the June 7 ballot.

DISCUSSION

The City Council would direct the City Clerk to bring forward a resolution calling for an election to place a measure on the ballot which would cite the title of the measure and direct the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis to be adopted by March 8, 2016. A certified copy of the resolution and impartial analysis would need to be sent to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder no later than 5 p.m. on March 11, 2016.

The argument in favor of the measure and the argument against the measure would be due by March 15, 2016. Arguments are not to exceed 300 words. The Election Code currently holds the proponents to no more than five signatures and the City Council would be given the first choice at writing the argument in favor. If the City Council does not file an argument, the City Clerk will follow the protocols. If no arguments are filed against the measure the sample ballot pamphlet will reflect that. Copies of the arguments are due to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder by March 18, 2016.
The deadline for rebuttals to the arguments would be March 28, 2016. Rebuttals are not to exceed 250 words.

All arguments would be open for public examination during the period of March 19 through March 28, 2016.

The City Clerk contacted the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder on January 13, 2016 to request an estimate of adding a charter amendment measure on the ballot. The estimate has not yet been received. The cost will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Poirier
City Clerk

Noted:

LEROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER