City of Los Angeles
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February 24, 2026

Honorable Members of the
 Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO COUNCIL FILE NO. 25-1358 MOTION (PADILLA -RODRIGUEZ) REGARDING SENATE BILL 707 IMPACTS AND READINESS

Honorable Members:

The Office of the City Clerk (City Clerk) submits its response to Council File No. 25-1358 Motion regarding Senate Bill (SB) 707 Impacts and Readiness.

RECOMMENDATION

NOTE and FILE the City Clerk report dated February 24, 2026, inasmuch as the report is for informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND

On December 10, 2025, the City Council adopted Motion (Padilla-Rodriguez) instructing the City Clerk to report on the impacts SB 707 will have on City procedures and the changes necessary for compliance with the Bill.

SB 707, signed into law by Governor Newsom on October 3, 2025, significantly expands the Ralph M. Brown Act. The key mandates of this legislation include requiring a two-way telephonic option for public comment, providing Spanish translations for agendas, offering interpretive services during Council meetings, and updating the legislative body's dedicated webpage.

IMPACTS ON CITY PROCEDURES AND NECESSARY CHANGES

The City Clerk has identified specific changes necessary to comply with SB 707. These changes are primarily administrative and focus on improving the accessibility and translation of meeting and public comment information on the legislative body's main webpage. The required updates are:

- Providing a direct link to the online Council meeting agendas.
- Electronically and physically posting translated Council agendas in all applicable languages for each meeting.
- Offering a general explanation of the public meeting process, including procedures for both in-person and remote public comment.
- Implementing functionality to translate the public meeting webpage into all applicable languages.
- Ensuring closed captioning for the broadcasted Council meeting.
- Providing interpretive and translation services for the Council meeting.

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The City Clerk already provides many of the services required by SB 707 as standard practice.

The only remaining requirements to implement are:

1. Electronic and physical posting of translated Council agendas.
2. Publication of a general explanation of the public meeting process and procedures for public comment on the legislative body's main webpage.

These two changes are expected to be completed and rolled out by the July 1, 2026 deadline. All other requirements are already routinely met.

SB 707 requires Council meeting agendas to be translated into all "applicable languages." An "applicable language" is defined as one "spoken jointly by 20 percent or more of the applicable population, according to data from the most recent American Community Survey, provided that 20 percent or more of the population that speaks that language in that city or county speaks English less than 'very well.'"

Based on the 2024 American Community Survey data for the City of Los Angeles, Spanish is the only language that meets this threshold, as it is spoken at home by 39 percent of the population. Consequently, the City Clerk will proceed with translating and posting Council meeting agendas in Spanish, both electronically and physically.

Further, a general explanation of the public meeting process and procedures for public comment is currently provided in all City Council meeting agendas. This information will be expanded and made available on the legislative body's main webpage as well.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommendation to note and file this report will have no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed with Clerk**Sign**

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