

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: December 4, 2025

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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SUBJECT: 2026 Council Recess Schedule

Council File No. 26-0001
Assignment No: 25-10-0882

CLA RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council resolve to approve the proposed 2026 Council Recess Schedule, in accordance with Charter Section 242, with the caveat that Council may introduce resolutions to remove any conference dates from the Recess Schedule if a quorum is expected, as follows:

2025 Winter Recess Continuation: Friday, 1/2/26 through Wednesday, 1/7/26

Ramadan: Wednesday, 2/18/26

National League of Cities Annual Congressional City Conference: Tuesday, 3/17/26 through Wednesday, 3/18/26 (event held from 3/16/26 through 3/18/26 in Washington, D.C.)

Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan): Friday, 3/20/26

Passover and Good Friday: Tuesday, 3/31/26 through Friday, 4/10/26

Summer Recess: Tuesday, 7/7/26 through Friday, 7/31/26

League of California Cities Annual Conference and Exposition: Wednesday, 9/23/26 through Friday, 9/25/26 (event held from 9/23/26 through 9/25/26 in Anaheim, CA)

Thanksgiving Recess: Tuesday, 11/24/26 through Wednesday, 11/25/26

Winter Recess: Tuesday, 12/15/26 through Wednesday, 12/30/26

SUMMARY

Consistent with Council policy, we have prepared the Council Recess Schedule for the 2026 Calendar Year. This Office has reviewed the 2025 Council Recess Schedule to identify special days and events during which the City Council has previously recessed. The dates included in this report are substantially consistent with the 2025 adopted Recess Schedule. We would like to note that there are several events that are not included in the proposed 2026 Council Recess

Schedule, as they do not overlap with days in which the City Council convenes for its meetings. These events include the following:

- **Rosh Hashanah**, which commences on the evening Friday, September 11, 2026;
- **Yom Kippur**, which commences on the evening of Sunday, September 20, 2026.

We note that Ramadan is included this year, as it commences on the evening of Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Ramadan was not included in the 2025 Council Recess Schedule because it did not commence until the evening of Friday, February 28, 2025. Additionally, Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) is included this year, as it commences on the evening of Thursday, March 19, 2026 and concludes on the evening of Friday, March 20, 2026. Eid al-Fitr was not included in the 2025 Council Recess Schedule because it did not commence until the evening of Saturday, March 29, 2025.

The proposed Council Recess Schedule enables the City Council, in accordance with Charter Section 242, to recess certain Council meetings as necessary to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Annual Congressional City Conference and the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Exposition.

All Councilmembers are urged to commit early to participate in the aforementioned conferences. Additionally, three to four weeks prior to the conferences, the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst will canvass the Council to determine the number of members attending each conference. If a quorum is expected, the Council may, by Resolution, remove Council recess days from the 2026 Council Recess Schedule.



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