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**REPORT RE:**

**CHARTER CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER 2026 BALLOT**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Council File No. 26-0489**

Honorable Members:

On June 15, 2026, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee (Rules Committee) requested the City Attorney's Office propose a potential grouping of contemplated changes to the City's Charter into discrete ballot measures to present to the voters at the November 2026 election.

This report provides a suggested grouping. The abbreviations, below – "CRC," "Rules," "Personnel," or "CF" (Council File) number – refer to the reference numbers for the potential Charter amendments that appear in the Chief Legislative Analyst's report dated June 10, 2026 (available in Council File 26-0489.)

The list below includes only those charter changes that the Rules Committee either recommended for the November ballot or advanced without recommendation to the City Council for possible inclusion on the November ballot. We have not included items that the Rules Committee noted and filed or referred for further study. Charter changes that the Rules Committee recommended appear on the November 2026 ballot are noted with an asterisk (\*).

### **Charter Amendment 1: City Infrastructure and Contracting**

- \*CRC 1 – Public Works Director; Public Works Bureaus (Sections 507, 581, 582)
- \*CRC 2 – Capital Improvement Program (new section)
- \*CRC 63 – Contracting Low Bid Exception for Software (Section 371)
- \*CRC 64 – Contracting Technical Defects (Section 470(c))
- \*CRC 65 – Proprietary Department Leases (Section 607)
- Rules Misc. – Mortgaging City Property (Section 104(a))

### **Charter Amendment 2: City Planning**

- \*CRC 6 & CF 26-0489-S4 – Replace APCs with a new NAC (Section 552)
- \*CRC 7 – CPC Action on Council Exercise of Section 245 (Section 245)
- \*CRC 8 – General Plan Amendments Approval (Section 555)
- \*CRC 9 – Floor Area Restriction (Section 104(e))
- \*CRC 10 – Grants the Planning Department authority to investigate, hear, and determine all applications for quasi-judicial review (Sections 561, etc.)

### **Charter Amendment 3: City Ethics, Elections and Governance**

- \*CRC 27 – Ethics Commissioners/Exec Director Political Activity (Section 700)
- \*CRC 32 – Civil Penalties for Ethics Violations (Section 470(o)(2))
- CRC 38 – LAUSD Campaign Finance Provisions (Section 803)
  
- \*CRC 39 – Language Access (Section 103)
  
- \*CRC 47 – Neighborhood Councils - section heading (Section 905)
- \*CRC 48 – Neighborhood Councils - section heading (Section 907)
- \*CRC 49 – Neighborhood Councils - capitalization of term (Section 900, etc)
- \*CRC 50 – Neighborhood Councils - civic participation (Section 900)
- \*CRC 51 – Neighborhood Councils - use of “board members” (Section 901, etc)
- \*CRC 52 – Neighborhood Councils - section heading (Section 904)
- \*CRC 53 – Neighborhood Councils - stakeholder definition (Section 906)
  
- \*Rules 4 – Council Conduct of Business (Section 242)
  
- \*Rules 5 – Referendum Signatures (Section 461)
  
- CF 26-0638 – Non-Citizen Voting (Section 408)

### **Charter Amendment 4: Recreation and Parks Budget**

- \*CRC 4 – Increase Recreation and Parks Budget (Section 593)

### **Charter Amendment 5: City Budget and Finance**

- \*CRC 11 – Business Enterprises (Section 104(g))
- \*CRC 13 – CAO powers as CFO (Section 291)
- \*CRC 59 – Two-Year Budget (Multiple Sections)

### **Charter Amendment 6: City Personnel Matters**

- Personnel 1 – Exemptions and Promotions (Sections 1001, 1009)
- \*Personnel 2 – Examination Rules (Section 1005)
- \*Personnel 3 – Military Credits (Section 1006)
- \*Personnel 4 – Transfer Authority to General Manager (Section 1003, 1013, 1014)

### **Charter Amendment 7: Police Department**

- \*CRC 54 – LAPD and Council Authority (Section 571)
- \*CRC 56 – LAPD and Section 245 (Section 245)
- CRC 58 – LAPD Removal of Officers (Sections 1070 and 574)
- \*Rules 2 – LAPD Inspector General (Section 573)
- Rules Misc – LAPD/LAFD Technical Amendment (Section 514(b))

### **Charter Amendment LAUSD: Charter Amendments to Submit to LAUSD Voters<sup>1</sup>**

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- \*CRC 32 – Civil Penalties for Ethics Violations (Section 470(o)(2))
- \*CRC 38 – LAUSD Campaign Finance Provisions (Section 803)

### **Recommendation**

Consider the proposed grouping of contemplated Charter changes for Charter Amendments to appear on the November 2026 ballot for the Electorate's consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> The State Constitution requires that changes to the City Charter affecting the LAUSD must be presented to the LAUSD voters in a separate ballot measure. (See Cal. Const., Art IX Section 16.)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (213) 978-8100. A member of this Office will be available to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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