ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance calling a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles a Charter amendment regarding the following subject: City Ethics, Elections, and Governance.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special Election is hereby called to be held in the City of Los Angeles on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles a Charter amendment regarding the following subject: City Ethics, Elections, and Governance.

Sec. 2. The full text of the Charter amendment is contained in the attachment to the accompanying Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles.

Sec. 3. The vote requirement for the Charter amendment to pass is a majority of the votes cast.

Sec. 4. The ballot title and question adopted by the City Council to be used at the Special Election for the Charter amendment shall be as follows and shall include a letter designation as determined by the City Council in accordance with applicable City and State law:

CITY ETHICS, ELECTIONS, AND GOVERNANCE. CHARTER AMENDMENT ___.

Shall the City Charter be amended to: increase the authority of the Police Department Inspector General and Fire Department Independent Assessor; prohibit Ethics Commissioners from running for certain elected offices for five years; increase penalties for campaign finance violations; clarify campaign finance rules for Board of Education elections and allow changes by ordinance; allow the City Council to change its meeting schedule; and change referendum petition requirements and other matters?

Sec. 5. To vote on the ballot measure, the voter shall mark the ballot next to the word "Yes" or the word "No." A "Yes" vote shall be counted in favor of adoption of the ballot measure and a "No" vote shall be counted against adoption of the ballot measure.

Sec. 6. The Special Election hereby called shall be, and hereby is ordered to be, consolidated with the City's General Municipal Election and the State General Election to be held in the City of Los Angeles on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Sec. 7. The vote centers for the Special Election shall be open as required and during the identified voting period established in the California Elections Code and as

administered by the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the State General Election.

Sec. 8. The election precincts, vote centers, and officers of election for the Special Election shall be the same as those provided in the City of Los Angeles for the State General Election, and the elections shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election. The list or order prepared by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk designating election precincts, vote centers, and election officers for the State General Election, is hereby approved, incorporated into, and made part of this ordinance.

Sec. 9. The City Clerk shall administer the filing, printing, and distribution of all items contained in the City's Voter Information Pamphlet as provided in the City Election Code, including impartial summaries, ballot arguments, and rebuttal arguments regarding City ballot measures. In other particulars, the Special Election shall be held and conducted as provided in State Elections Code 10418 and other applicable law for the holding of elections consolidated with the State General Election. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles shall have authority to canvass the returns of the City's Election and transmit the certified election results to the City Council.

Sec. 10. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By _____
HARIT U. TRIVEDI
Assistant City Attorney

Date June 26, 2026

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

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