

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
SUBMITTING A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF
LOS ANGELES AND REQUESTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS TO CONSOLIDATE THE ELECTION FOR THE CHARTER
AMENDMENT WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to submit a Charter amendment to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles at a Special Election to be consolidated with the City's General Municipal Election and the State General Election held on November 3, 2026, regarding the following subject: City Airports, Harbor, and Water and Power Departments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to request that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles consolidate the City's election for the Charter amendment with the State General Election also to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Charter amendment attached to this Resolution shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles at an election consolidated with the City's General Municipal Election and the State General Election held on November 3, 2026.

Sec. 2. The vote requirement for the Charter amendment to pass is a majority of the votes cast.

Sec. 3. The ballot title and question 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 AIRPORTS, HARBOR, AND WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENTS.
CHARTER AMENDMENT ____.**

Shall the City Charter be amended to: require the Harbor Department to allocate funds for waterfront public access projects; require disclosure of workforce impacts for certain Harbor Department leases and agreements; increase maximum terms for certain leases; change the composition requirement for Airport Commission; and allow certain Port Wardens to opt in to the City Employees' Retirement System?

Sec. 4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to make technical and formatting adjustments to the attached Charter amendment to facilitate presentation in ballot materials.

Sec. 5. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice containing the text of proposed City ballot measures and specifying the date of the election for the ballot measures. The notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Los Angeles.

Sec. 6. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish once in a newspaper of general circulation that copies of voter information pamphlets containing proposed City ballot measures may be obtained upon request in the City Clerk's office. The City Clerk is directed to prepare and keep in the City Clerk's office a sufficient supply of copies of the voter information pamphlets and to distribute them to persons requesting a copy. Further, the City Clerk is authorized and directed to mail copies of the voter information pamphlets to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles.

Sec. 7. The City Council respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to order the consolidation of the City's election for the ballot measure with the State General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, and to canvass the returns of the election and transmit the certified election results to the City.

Sec. 8. 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 above-described 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.

Sec. 9. The City Council requests the Board of Supervisors to fix the costs to be paid by the City of Los Angeles for consolidation of the City's election with the State General Election. The City will reimburse the County for the City's share of the costs incurred in conducting the City's election consistent with the cost estimate provided by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and agreed to between the County and the City.

Sec. 10. The City Clerk shall file a duly certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on _____.

PATRICE Y. LATTIMORE, City Clerk

By _____ Deputy

TEXT OF THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE

CHARTER AMENDMENT _____ (CITY AIRPORTS, HARBOR, AND WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENTS)

Section 1. Subsection (a) of Section 607 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, regarding limitations on Proprietary Department franchises, concessions, permits, licenses and leases, is amended to read as follows:

(a) **Length.** The term shall not exceed 30 years or the term specified by applicable federal or state law, whichever is less. If Council makes a finding that a term longer than 30 years would be in the best interest of the City, Council may, by a two-thirds vote, subject to Mayoral veto, or three-fourths vote over the veto of the Mayor, authorize a term up to 50 years for the ~~Airports Department and Department of Water and Power~~ and a term up to 66 years for the Department of Airports, Harbor Department, and the Department of Water and Power, or the maximum period allowed by any federal or state law, whichever is less.

Sec. 2. Section 630 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, regarding the Board of Airport Commissioners, is amended to read as follows:

The Board of Airport Commissioners shall consist of seven members appointed and removed as provided in Section 502. At least three members ~~one member~~ shall reside within the area surrounding Los Angeles International Airport and at least two members ~~one member~~ shall reside within the area surrounding Van Nuys Airport, as those areas are defined by ordinance. The Council may, by ordinance, further divide the areas surrounding Los Angeles International Airport and Van Nuys Airport into subareas, establishing commissioner residency requirements among those subareas.

Sec. 3. A new Subsection (d) is added to Section 651 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, regarding the possession, management, and control of Harbor Department assets, to read as follows:

(d) **Public Access Investment Plan.** The Board of Harbor Commissioners shall annually allocate a portion of the operating income of the Harbor Department to invest in waterfront public access projects and other public serving projects and programs developed with public input as part of a Public Access Investment Plan. The Board of Harbor Commissioners shall have the sole authority to determine the appropriate amount to allocate to the Public Access Investment Plan each fiscal year consistent with its fiduciary duties under California Public Resources Code sections 6005, 6009.1, and 6306 and other applicable law.

Sec. 4. A new Subsection (g) is added to Section 652 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, regarding the Board of Harbor Commissioners, to read as follows:

Sec. 652. Powers and Duties of the Board.

The board shall have the power and duty to:

- (a) **Rules and Regulations.** Make and enforce all necessary rules and regulations governing the maintenance, operation and use of the Harbor District, and enforce penalties for the violation of those rules and regulations.
- (b) **Harbor Traffic.** Regulate and control the piloting, anchoring, mooring, towing and docking of all vessels and watercraft in the Harbor District.
- (c) **Control Over Harbor Facilities.** Regulate and control the construction, maintenance, operation and use of any railroad, wharf, warehouse or other facility, utility, structure or improvement used in connection with the Harbor District.
- (d) **Dredging.** Regulate and control all dredging, filling and excavating in the Harbor District.
- (e) **Rates.** Fix and collect rates and charges for the use of the Harbor Assets, pilotage and towage, and any other service provided by the department.
- (f) **Development of the Harbor District.** Acquire, provide for, construct, maintain and operate all improvements, utilities, structures, watercraft, facilities and services for Departmental Purposes and to acquire and take, by purchase, lease, condemnation or otherwise, in the name of the City, any property, real or personal, or any interest therein, and to designate the site for any public buildings, structures or facilities in the Harbor District. The power of condemnation shall only be exercised with the approval of Council.
- (g) **Workforce Impacts.** Require all applicants seeking approval of a lease, lease extension, or lease amendment, or any proposed development of property within the Harbor District that requires a Coastal Development Permit, submit a workforce impact disclosure that provides an assessment of estimated workforce effects including, but not limited to, the potential impact on employment associated with the premises and the estimated economic impact on the greater Los Angeles region to the extent known. Applicants for leases consisting of revocable permits granted on a month-to-month basis may be exempt from providing a workforce impact disclosure. Small businesses, as defined by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, may be exempt from providing an economic impact analysis.

Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of Section 1700 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, regarding Tier 6 of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) **Appointed Chief.** A Chief of Police, a Fire Chief, or a Port Warden (Chief) who is appointed to that position on or after July 1, 2011, and a Chief of the Airport

Police who is appointed to that position on or after January 7, 2018, and who is neither a Plan Member nor a Retired Plan Member at the time of appointment, shall become a Tier 6 Plan Member upon appointment unless, within seven calendar days of appointment, he or she files a written opt out election with the Department of Fire and Police Pensions to elect to become a member of the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) in lieu of membership in Tier 6. A Chief who is appointed to that position on or after July 1, 2011 and is already a Department Member on the day of his or her appointment, shall continue to be a member of the Tier to which he or she belonged prior to appointment as Chief. A Port Warden who is appointed on or after November 4, 2026 to serve in any position or at any pay grade with the Harbor Department and who at the time of appointment was not already a City employee shall become a Tier 6 Plan Member upon appointment unless, within seven calendar days of appointment, he or she files a written opt-out election with the Department of Fire and Police Pensions to elect to become a member of the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) in lieu of membership in Tier 6. A Port Warden (Chief) who was appointed as Chief after initially being appointed as Port Warden when he or she was not already a City employee but was required to become a member of Tier 6, shall be entitled to transfer his or her membership from Tier 6 to the LACERS tier he or she would have been eligible to join at the time of his or her original appointment if he or she files a written transfer election with the Department of Fire and Police Pensions no later than December 31, 2026. A Retired Plan Member who is appointed to the position of a Chief on or after July 1, 2011, shall become a member of LACERS at the time of appointment, rather than a Tier 6 Plan Member, and shall continue to receive all benefits to which he or she is entitled as a Retired Plan Member and as permitted under federal tax laws governing in-service distributions, but shall not accrue any additional right to benefits from the Plan by virtue of his or her employment as a Chief. A Chief Park Ranger who is already a Plan Member on the day of his or her appointment shall continue to be a member of the Tier to which he or she belonged prior to appointment to Chief, but a Chief Park Ranger who is not a Plan Member at the time of appointment shall become or continue to be a member of LACERS. A Chief Park Ranger who is a Retired Plan Member at the time of appointment shall become a member of LACERS and shall continue to receive all benefits to which he or she is entitled as a Retired Plan Member and as permitted under federal tax laws governing in-service distributions, but shall not accrue any additional right to benefits from the Plan by virtue of his or her employment as Chief Park Ranger.

Sec. 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or application of this Charter amendment or any portion thereof is held unconstitutional or invalid by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, sentences, phrases, portions, or applications of this Charter amendment shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Charter amendment are severable. In addition, the voters declare that they would have passed all sections, subsections, clauses, sentences, phrases, portions, and applications of this Charter amendment without the section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, portion, or application held unconstitutional or invalid.

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