

**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 Police Department; 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 POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHARTER AMENDMENT ____.

Shall the City Charter be amended to expand the City Council's authority to adopt ordinances establishing policies for the Police Department, with certain exceptions?

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

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TEXT OF THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE

CHARTER AMENDMENT ____ (CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)

Section. 1. Section 571 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, regarding the Police Department, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 571. Board of Police Commissioners.

(a) Members of the Board of Police Commissioners shall serve for a maximum of two five-year terms, except that a member may serve up to two years of an unexpired term plus two terms of five years. A member of the Board of Police Commissioners shall be limited to two consecutive one-year terms as President of the Board of Police Commissioners.

(b) The Board of Police Commissioners shall have the power to:

(1) issue instructions to the Chief of Police concerning the exercise of the authority conferred on the Chief of Police by the Charter, other than the disciplinary authority conferred by Section 1070. Nothing in this section shall limit any authority of the Council otherwise conferred by this Charter, and no inference shall be drawn from this section restricting the subjects upon which the Council may legislate, including its authority to adopt ordinances establishing the policies of the Police Department, except that the Council shall not pass any ordinance that does any of the following;

(A) Directs, prohibits, or otherwise controls the conduct of, or the deployment of personnel or equipment in a particular incident, investigation, or operation; or

(B) Directs or otherwise controls the authority of the Chief of Police over the appointment, discharge, or discipline of specific individual employees under Sections 574 or 1070.

As used in this section, "policies" mean rules, regulations, standards, procedures, or directives of general application, whether applicable to the Police Department as a whole or to any bureau, division, unit, program, or function of the Police Department;

(2) evaluate the Chief of Police annually, set or adjust the compensation for the Chief of Police within the salary guidelines established by Council after recommendations concerning those guidelines have been made to the Council by the City Administrative Officer; and forward a copy of the evaluation and salary determination to the Mayor and Council for information;

(3) appoint and remove an Executive Director whose position shall be exempt from the civil service provisions of the Charter and who shall not be a member of the Police Department; and

(4) appoint and remove an Inspector General of the Police Department subject to Section 245, whose position shall be exempt from the civil service provisions of Article X of the Charter and who shall not be a member of the Police Department.

Sec. 2. Section 574 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, regarding the Police Department, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 574. Powers and Duties of the Chief of Police.

The chief administrative officer of the Police Department shall be known as the Chief of Police. Subject to the provisions of the Charter, ordinances adopted in accordance with Section 571 and other sections of the Charter, as applicable, the rules of the Police Department, and the instruction of the Board of Police Commissioners, the Chief of Police shall have the power and duty to:

(a) suppress all riots, disturbances and breaches of the peace, and to that end may call on any person for aid. The Chief may pursue and arrest, within the limits of the City, any person fleeing from justice, and shall without delay bring all persons arrested by the department before a judge of the proper court for trial or examination. The Chief may receive and execute any proper authority for the arrest and detention of criminals fleeing or escaping from places outside the City;

(b) administer the affairs of the department as its chief administrative officer, except as to matters under the control of the Executive Director of the Board of Police Commissioners;

(c) appoint, discharge, discipline, transfer and issue instructions to the employees of the department, other than the Secretary of the Board, the chief accounting employee of the department, the Inspector General of the Police Department and his or her staff, the Executive Director of the Board and his or her staff, all subject to the civil service provisions of the Charter;

(d) expend the funds of the department, except those funds under the control of the Executive Director, in accordance with the provisions of the budget appropriations or of appropriations made after adoption of the budget;

(e) recommend to the Board of Police Commissioners prior to the beginning of each budget cycle ~~fiscal year~~ ~~an annual~~ a departmental budget covering the anticipated revenues and expenditures of the department, except the anticipated revenues and

expenditures under the control of the Executive Director, and conforming so far as practicable to the forms and dates provided in the Charter for the general City budget;

(f) certify all expenditures of the department to the chief accounting employee, except those expenditures under the control of the Executive Director;

(g) exercise further powers in the administration of the department conferred upon the Chief of Police by the Board of Police Commissioners; and

(h) execute, personally or by deputy, and return all writs and processes issued by any court having jurisdiction of criminal cases arising upon violations of the provisions of the Charter or ordinance. The Chief's jurisdiction and that of his or her deputies in the service of process in all criminal cases, and in cases of violation of City ordinances, shall be co-extensive with that of the County of Los Angeles.

Sec. 3. 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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