

PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

MOTION

On November 3, 2026, Los Angeles voters will render their decisions on a number of proposed amendments to the City Charter, including Measure PL, which would make several changes relating to planning and land use matters. If approved, those amendments would take effect upon certification of the results within 30 days after the election.

If Measure PL is approved by the voters, it will be necessary to make various changes to the Municipal Code to implement the measure. Without presupposing the outcome of the election, it is necessary to begin work on implementing ordinances, so that they could be adopted without delay in the event that Measure PL is approved by the voters, and by the time the Charter changes take effect. This Motion begins that preparatory work.

In May and June 2026, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee (Rules Committee) held a series of Committee meetings to review and discuss the recommendations for changes to the City Charter submitted by the Charter Reform Commission, City Council offices, and City departments, and to review Council Motions.

On June 12 and June 15, 2026, the Rules Committee deliberated the various proposed Charter changes synthesized in the report of the Chief Legislative Analyst dated June 10, 2026, and advanced its recommendations to the Council. The Rules Committee's recommendations included more than 30 proposals for Charter changes to present to the voters at the City's General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

On June 17, 2026, the Council considered all of the Rules Committee's recommendations, including Councilmembers' Motions proposing Charter changes. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Council ultimately approved more than 30 specific Charter changes for the November 2026 ballot.

If the voters approve the proposed changes to City Charter sections 104(e), 245(e), 552, 555, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, and 565, Chapter I and 1A of the Municipal Code and other related documents will require updating to maintain conformance with the Charter. To that end, and in an effort to be prepared and aware of all the subsequent changes that may be necessary, the City Attorney needs to prepare the necessary ordinances.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of City Planning, to prepare and present a draft ordinance that amends Chapter I and 1A of the Municipal Code, applicable overlays, and other zoning regulations, and environmental clearance language, as necessary, to implement and conform those provisions to the Charter amendments contained in the Charter Ballot Resolution dated June 29, 2026 relating to the Department of City Planning (CF 25-1100-312) contingent upon approval of the applicable Charter amendments by the voters at the November 3, 2026 election.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of City Planning, to include in the ordinance amendments necessary to create consistent

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references throughout the Municipal Code, and applicable zoning regulations to the revised Charter Section 552, and any other code amendments needed as necessary, including the following, if Measure PL is approved by the voters:

- Remove references to the Area Planning Commissions as decision-making or appellate authorities and replace those references with the Neighborhood Appeals Commission;
- Preserve geographic representation corresponding to the seven existing Area Planning Commission areas in establishing the composition and geographic representation of the Neighborhood Appeals Commission; and
- Provide that any appeals of decisions made by the City Planning Commission or Neighborhood Appeals Commission be heard by the City Council where procedures for second level appeals are required.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of City Planning to include the necessary environmental clearance language in the ordinance that is consistent with the proposed amendment to Charter Section 555, wherein a General Plan Amendment is not acted upon within 75 days, the General Plan Amendment shall be deemed approved by operation of law, and that all requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) shall be complied with and nothing therein is intended to eliminate the right of any interested party to appeal a CEQA determination pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21151(c) or anything in LAMC Chapter 1A, Section 13B.11.1.F, adopted to implement Section 21151(c).

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of City Planning, include language in the ordinance to remove from the Municipal Code (Chapter 1 and Chapter 1A) any outdated references to repealed Charter Sections 562, 563, 564, and 565.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of City Planning to include language in the ordinance that expressly provides that its operative provisions are contingent upon voter approval of Measure PL, and that if the measure is not approved by the voters, this Ordinance shall not be made operative.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of City Planning, include language in the ordinance that finds that the ordinance is intended to establish consistency between the City Charter, the Municipal Code, Chapter 1 and 1A, and other applicable zoning regulations and overlays, and does not constitute an action subject to the procedures in Charter Section 558, and therefore referral to the City Planning Commission for a report and recommendation is not required. Accordingly, the ordinance shall proceed directly to the Council for consideration and action, in the event that Measure PL is approved by the voters on November 3, 2026.

PRESENTED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

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