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TO: Jeremy Green, City Clerk/City Elections Official for the City of Culver City

Pursuant to California Elections Code and as directed by the City Council of the City of Culver City, I am providing you with an Impartial Analysis of the Proposed Measure ____ regarding an amendment to Sections 606 and 1500 of the Charter of the City of Culver City to change the date of the City's General Municipal Election for City Council members from April of even-numbered years to the date of the statewide general election, currently held in November of even-numbered years, effective in 2020, in accordance with the California Voter Participation Rights Act, which measure the City Council placed on the ballot of the November 6, 2018, Special Municipal Election.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
MEASURE**

Culver City City Charter Section 1500 currently provides that the City's general municipal election shall be held in April of even-numbered years.

The California Legislature adopted the California Voter Participation Rights Act (CVPRA), requiring cities to consolidate their elections with statewide elections, if voter turnout for a regular city election is "...at least 25% less than the average voter turnout...for the previous four statewide general elections..." The California Attorney General has issued a formal opinion concluding that this requirement applies to charter cities.

Culver City voter data shows that for the last four municipal elections, the average voter turnout was 19.29%, which is approximately 48.2% less than the average voter turnout of 67.5% for the last four statewide general elections. Therefore, the CVPRA requirement to consolidate the City election with the statewide election would apply.

In accordance with the CVPRA, this Measure would change the City's general municipal election date from April of even-numbered years to the date of the statewide general election, held in November of even-numbered years.

Measure __, if adopted, would amend Section 1500 to move the City's general municipal election from April, 2020 to the statewide November, 2020 election date. As a result, the current City Council terms would be extended by seven months.

In addition, the Measure would amend Charter Section 606 which currently provides for the City Council to elect the Mayor and Vice Mayor at an April Council meeting, each year. To be consistent with the proposed election date change in Section 1500, Section 606 would be amended by changing the election date for Mayor and Vice Mayor from April to the following: 1) For even-numbered years, immediately following certification of general municipal election results; and 2) For odd-numbered years, the second City Council meeting occurring twelve months after the City Council election.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a vote of the Culver City City Council. To be adopted, State law requires this Measure be approved by a majority of voters. A "Yes" vote would adopt the Measure. A "No" vote would not adopt the Measure.

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