TO: Jeremy Green, Deputy 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 Section 602 of the Charter of the City of Culver City to provide for the ineligibility of a person who has resigned from the City Council to run for the Office of City Council Member for a period of two years from the date of such resignation. The City Council placed on this Measure on the ballot of the November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election.

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE

The Culver City City Council has placed Measure _____ on the ballot, which would amend Culver City Charter Section 602 to modify the eligibility requirements to run for City Council, by providing that a person who has resigned from the City Council would not be eligible to run for the Office of City Council Member in a future election for a period of two years from the date of his or her resignation.

Existing law, as set forth in City Charter Section 602, provides eligibility requirements for holding the Office of City Council Member. The Charter is silent regarding what effect the resignation of a Council Member has on his or her eligibility to run for an elective City office in a future election. The proposed Measure _____ would amend Section 602 to include the following restriction, which would be applicable to a person who has resigned from the Office of City Council Member:

“Residents who have resigned from an elective City office shall not be eligible to hold an elective City office nor be eligible for candidacy for election until two years have elapsed from the date of resignation.”
To be adopted, State law requires that this Measure be approved by a simple majority of the voters. A “Yes” vote on Measure ____ would modify the eligibility requirements to run for City Council, by requiring a Council Member who has previously resigned to wait until two years have elapsed from the date of resignation before running for City Council in a future election. A “No” vote would mean there would be no ineligibility period if a person resigns from City Council Office.

Dated: August 12, 2016

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