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 608 of the Charter of the City of Culver City, to authorize the City Council to determine the dates of Regular Meetings of the City Council by ordinance or resolution. The City Council placed 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 608 “City Council Meetings,” to authorize the City Council to set the dates of its regular meetings by ordinance or resolution, removing the Charter requirement that the City Council hold regular meetings “at least twice each month.”

Existing law, as set forth in Charter Section 608, provides the City Council shall hold two regular meetings each month, at times set by ordinance or resolution. The proposed Measure _____ would delete the two meetings per month requirement and allow the City Council to set the dates and number of regular City Council meetings by adopting an ordinance or resolution. Thus, the City Council could determine that it will hold more than two regular meetings in a given month, but it could also hold less than two regular meetings in another month, as it deems appropriate. The Council still would be required to set those dates by ordinance or resolution.
To be adopted, State law requires that this Measure be approved by a simple majority of the voters. A "Yes" vote on Measure ____ would eliminate the requirement that the City Council hold regular Council meetings at least twice each month and allow the City Council to determine the Council regular meeting dates by ordinance or resolution. A "No" vote would require the City Council to continue to hold regular meetings at least twice each month.

Dated: August 12, 2016

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