

Legislation Text

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Proposed Ballot Measure on City Charter Amendment for the November 8, 2022 General Election. - TO BE HEARD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE CONSENT

(a) Consider options, including the equity framework as shown in the two resolutions presented, for a proposed ballot measure for the November 8, 2022 statewide general election to amend the San José City Charter to make the board governing municipal ethics and campaigns a Charter-level commission; allow residents who are not electors and/or citizens to serve on the Planning, Civil Service, and Salary Setting Commissions; update Charter language to be gender neutral; and require the City Council to adopt equity values, standards, and assessment processes.

(b) Consider the Administration's update on outreach regarding adding a Native Land Acknowledgment recognizing San José's indigenous ancestors to the proposed Charter amendments.

(c) Adopt a resolution of the City Council:

(1) Calling and giving notice, on its own motion, for a Special Municipal Election to be consolidated with the statewide general election on November 8, 2022, to submit to the electors of the City of San José the following measure:

"Shall the City Charter be amended to add the City's ethics and elections commission (Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices) to the Charter; remove requirements that members of the Planning, Civil Service, and Salary Setting Commissions be electors and/or citizens; remove gender-specific language; and require the City Council to adopt equity values, standards, and assessments in making certain decisions?"

(2) Directing the City Clerk, pursuant to California Elections Code section 12111, to cause a synopsis of the proposed measure to be published at least one time not later than one week before the election in the Mercury News, a newspaper of general circulation within the city of San José, instead of printing the full text of the measure in the Sample Ballot;

(3) Authorizing the City Council or any member or members of the City Council to submit a ballot argument in favor of the measure, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9282;

(4) Authorizing the submittal of rebuttal arguments pursuant to California Elections Code section 9285;

(5) Directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure pursuant to California Elections Code section 9280; and

(6) Directing the City Clerk to take all other actions necessary to place this measure on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-007, Preliminary direction to staff and eventual action requires approval from decision-making body. (City Manager)

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