

Adopted
11/07/17
Sinanyan/Agajanian
All Ayes

RESOLUTION NO. 17-164

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK
AND CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A PROPOSED
CHARTER AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE ELECTION
DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TO THE DATE OF THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Article V of the Glendale City Charter establishes the City's general municipal elections of Councilmembers, City Clerk, and City Treasurer on the first Tuesday in April in each odd-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 5 of the California Constitution states that charter cities like Glendale have "plenary" authority to provide for "the manner in which, the method by which, the times at which, and the terms for which the several municipal officers . . . shall be elected and appointed[;]" and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the California Legislature adopted and the Governor signed Senate Bill 415, the California Voter Participation Rights Act ("CVPRA").

WHEREAS, the CVPRA prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a nonconcurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly-scheduled election in that political subdivision being at least 25 percent less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous 4 statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, the average voter turnout of the last four statewide elections has been 53.11 percent and the voter turnout in the 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017 general municipal elections has been 25.83%, 23.35%, 20.30% and 22.31% respectively, meaning the voter turnout in the City's general municipal elections has been at least

25% less than the average of the voter turnout in Glendale in the last four statewide elections ; and

WHEREAS, if applicable to charter cities, SB 415 requires cities who have had a voter turnout at least 25% less than the average turnout within the jurisdiction over the last four statewide elections to change their election date by January 1, 2018 or adopt a plan to consolidate a future election with a statewide election not later than the November 8, 2022 statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to comply with state law, to the extent required, and the City's Charter by proposing a ballot measure that would amend the City's Charter to be consistent with SB 415.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE:

1. The Council directs the City Clerk and City Attorney to prepare a proposed ballot measure that would amend the City Charter to change the municipal election date for election of City officers (City Councilmembers, City Clerk and City Treasurer) as follows:

Option A (Statewide Primary Election):

Officers elected in 2015 (2 City Council seats) election terms will conclude in April 2019. Option A extends the terms for those elected in April 2015 by 11 months to coincide with the proposed state-wide Primary election date in March 2020. Also, it extends the terms for those elected in 2017 (3 City Council Seats, City Clerk, City Treasurer) by 11 months to coincide with the proposed state-wide Primary election date in March 2022.

Elected Offices – Election Year 2015	Current Election	Proposed Election Date	Extend Term
2 City Council Seats	April 2019	March 2020	11 months
Elected Offices – Election Year 2017	Current Election	Proposed Election Date	Extend Term
3 City Council Seats City Clerk City Treasurer	April 2021	March 2022	11 months

2. The Council further directs staff to prepare the necessary ballot and charter amendment language necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution for the Council's review and consideration to place said ballot measures on the ballot for the statewide primary election in June 2018.

3. The Council further directs the City Attorney to prepare any ancillary charter amendment language for Council review that may be necessary to make the Charter internally consistent.


4. This Resolution constitutes the City's plan to consolidate a future election with a statewide election as set forth in subdivision (b) of California Elections Code Section 14052.

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2017.



Mayor


APPROVED AS TO FORM



CITY ATTORNEY

DATE 11/9/17

ATTEST:



City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, Ardashes Kassakhian, City Clerk of the City of Glendale, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 17-164 was adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale, California, at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of November, 2017, and that same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Agajanian, Devine, Najarian, Sinanyan, Gharpetian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None



City Clerk