

RESOLUTION 19-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS REGARDING THE MEASURE RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FROM AT LARGE TO DISTRICT ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, a Special Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Carson, California, on March 3, 2020, at which there will be submitted to the voters a ballot measure concerning an amendment to the City Charter to change the requirements for the election of councilmembers from “at large” to district elections; and,

WHEREAS, California Elections Code § 9285 authorizes the City Council, by majority vote, to adopt provisions to provide for the filing of rebuttal arguments regarding city measures submitted at municipal election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That pursuant to Elections Code § 9285, when the City’s designated elections official has selected the arguments for and against the foregoing measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City’s designated elections official shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to the foregoing city measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument not to exceed two hundred and fifty (250) words in length. A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five (5) authors. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk not more than ten (10) days after the final date for filing direct arguments. The rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to be Filed by Author(s) of Argument as provided for in California Elections Code § 9600. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

Section 2. That all previous resolutions providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for city measures are repealed.

Section 3. That the provisions of Section 1 of this Resolution shall apply only to the Special Municipal Election to be held on March 3, 2020 and shall then be repealed.

Section 4. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Carson, California, at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

Mayor Albert Robles

City Clerk Donesia L. Gause-Aldana

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney Sunny K. Soltani