



CITY OF CARSON

Legislation Text

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Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Discussion

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM MAYOR DAVIS-HOLMES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE PROCESS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD TOWN HALL MEETINGS (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

This item is on the agenda at the request of Mayor Davis-Holmes and transmits a request for City Council to discuss the process for members of the City Council to hold Town Hall meetings.

City Council Policy ("CCP") 1.45, CCP 1.1.02, and Municipal Code Section 2419, which predate the City Council's transition from citywide elected seats to district elected seats, limit the ability of a City Councilmember to use City resources to host Town Halls and the manner by which they would promote the Town Hall meetings to the community.

II. RECOMMENDATION

DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate and that is consistent with applicable laws.

IV. BACKGROUND

CCP 1.45

The City Council adopted the current version of CCP 1.45 on April 2, 2013. Currently, CCP 1.45 prohibits City Councilmembers from holding Town Hall style meetings using City resources without the prior authorization of the Mayor, or in the absence of the Mayor by the Mayor Pro Tempore, or by a majority of the City Council. CCP 1.45 does, however, allow an individual Councilmember or two Councilmembers together (but not three or more Councilmembers) to hold Town Hall style meetings without approval of the City Council as long as such meetings do not use City resources including staff and do not suggest or imply that they are an official group recognized by the City.

CCP 1.1.02 and Municipal Code Section 2419

The City Council adopted the current version of CCP 1.1.02 on April 17, 2018. Currently, CCP 1.1.02 prohibits City staff from preparing and distributing written materials that do not include the names and photographs of all City Councilmembers.

Municipal Code Section 2419 prohibits members of the City Council from using City resources to have any type of mailer created and sent without prior approval of the City Council. The only exception is for single letters sent in response to an unsolicited request.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of this item will depend on the final decision of the City Council and any potential budget allocations for events in the City.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. CCP 1.45 (pgs. 3 - 6)
2. CCP 1.1.02 (pgs. 7 - 18)

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