

# NOTICE OF FIRST JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG BEACH CITY CHARTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may convene, a joint public hearing will be held before the Long Beach City Council and the Long Beach City Charter Amendment Committee, at the City Council Chambers of Long Beach City Hall, located at 333 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California 90802. At the public hearing, the City Council and Committee will consider and receive comments from the community regarding the following proposed amendments to the Long Beach City Charter:

- 1. City of Long Beach Citizens Redistricting Commission Measure.** A charter amendment and ordinance to require the creation of a citizens commission of Long Beach residents, to determine the boundaries of City Council districts at least every ten years after the national census for members of the Long Beach City Council.
- 2. City of Long Beach Ethics Commission Measure.** A charter amendment and ordinance to require the creation of an ethics commission comprised of Long Beach residents for the purpose of monitoring, administering, and enforcing governmental ethics laws in the City of Long Beach.
- 3. City of Long Beach Term Limits Measure.** A charter amendment to limit the Mayor and Councilmembers to serving three terms for each office, and eliminating the exception to term limits for write-in candidates.
- 4. City Auditor Authority.** A charter amendment to authorize the City Auditor to conduct performance audits, defined as independent assessments of programs, functions, operations, or management designed to enhance performance, cost savings, efficiency or service improvements of City departments, boards, commissions and offices.
- 5. Utility Consolidation Measure.** A charter amendment to consolidate the administration of the Water Department and the Gas Department under a single utility commission.

This hearing fulfills the requirements of City Charter §1903 and California Government Code §34458 for a first public hearing to consider amendments to city charters. If the City Council and Committee approve further consideration of these amendments, a second noticed public hearing will be held as required by law.

The text of these proposed amendments will be available prior to the hearing for public review and inspection at the Long Beach City Clerk's Office, located in the main lobby of Long Beach City Hall, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public hearing or to submit written comments. Any written comments should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office no later than the time of the public hearing. Public comments also can be made at the public hearing

at the time and place first set forth above. If you have questions regarding this notice or the matter to be heard, or if you are disabled and need accommodation to participate in the public hearing, please call the Long Beach City Clerk's Office at (562) 570-6101. Requests for accommodation should be made at least three working days prior to the hearing so reasonable arrangements can be made.



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
**CITY AUDITOR LAURA DOUD**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 31, 2018

Members of the Long Beach City Council  
333 West Ocean Blvd., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**RE: Proposed Charter Amendments**

Dear Long Beach City Councilmembers:

Over the last few years, members of the community, City Commissions, and many of you have discussed ways to make our government more effective, efficient, and ethical. We strongly support efforts that open our city government to smart reforms.

Together, we are putting forward five charter amendments for consideration for the November ballot. They include a redistricting commission, an ethics commission, strengthening our term limit laws, defining the authority of the City Auditor, and consolidating our utility departments.

We believe these changes are good government measures and look forward to working with the City Council to put these measures before the voters of Long Beach to consider.

We look forward to the Charter Amendment committee meetings in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia

City Auditor Laura L. Doud