

Election — November 5, 2019

City of Lafayette Ballot Issues



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Ballot Question 2A **Recall Elections**

Shall Section 3.17 of the Lafayette Home Rule Charter regarding recall elections be amended to provide that State laws regarding the recall of elected municipal officers shall apply to city recall elections, while retaining existing Charter provisions regarding the minimum number of signatures required to be submitted with a recall petition?

Major Provisions

This proposal would change calendaring deadlines in the Charter to be consistent with State statute. It does not change the Charter provisions regarding the minimum number of signatures required to be submitted with a recall petition.

Background

Section 3.17 (Recall Procedures) of the Lafayette City Charter was established in

1958 and includes calendaring deadlines that are no longer consistent with State statutes dealing with coordinated elections and with mail ballot elections. This amendment makes it possible for the City Clerk to process recall petitions in a manner that meets both Charter and State law.

Those IN FAVOR say

Amending the recall election provisions in the Charter to conform to applicable State laws would modernize those provisions of the City's Charter and would allow for the more efficient and effective administration of such elections.

Those OPPOSED say

No organized opposition has been identified

Ballot Question 2B **Filling Vacancies in Elective Offices**

Shall the existing timelines in section 5.7 of the Lafayette Home Rule Charter be amended to provide that any vacancies in the city council occurring more than 180 days before the next regular city election shall be filled by city council within 45 days?

Major Provisions

This proposal would extend the timelines for filling vacancies on City Council by appointment or election.

Background

Section 5.7 (Filling Vacancies in Elective Offices) of the Lafayette City Charter requires that any vacancy occurring more than 90 days before the next regular election shall be filled within 30 days. The amendment would extend

the timeline to 180 days before the next regular election and increase the time to fill the vacancy to 45 days.

Those IN FAVOR say

Amending the provisions in the Charter for filling Council vacancies allows members more time for the appointment process and eliminates the need for a special election close to a regular election.

Those OPPOSED say

No organized opposition has been identified.

Ballot Question 2C **Initiative and Referendum**

Shall the initiative and referendum procedures in Chapter VII of the Lafayette Home Rule Charter be amended to provide that State laws regarding municipal initiative and referendum procedures shall apply to city initiatives and referenda, while retaining existing charter provisions regarding the minimum number of signatures required to be submitted with an initiative or referendum petition?

Major Provisions

This proposal would change calendaring deadlines in the Charter to be consistent with State statute. It does not change the Charter provisions regarding the minimum number of signatures required to be submitted with an initiative or referendum petition.

Background

Sections 7.9–7.13 (Initiative and Referendum Procedures) of the Lafayette City Charter

were established in 1958 and include calendaring deadlines that are no longer consistent with State statutes dealing with coordinated elections and with mail ballot elections. This amendment would make it possible for the City Clerk to process such ballot measures in a manner that meets both Charter and State law.

Those IN FAVOR say

Amending the initiative and referendum election provisions in the Charter to conform to applicable State laws would modernize those provisions of the City's Charter and would allow for the more efficient and effective administration of such elections.

Those OPPOSED say

No organized opposition has been identified.

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