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1 Measure _____ **CHARTER AMENDMENT**

2 Shall Section 607 and Section 700 of the Charter of
3 the City of Culver City be amended to change the
4 appointing authority and the reporting responsibilities
5 of the Fire Chief and Police Chief from the City Council
6 to the City Manager?

Yes

No

7 A majority vote is required for Measure passage.

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9 Measure _____ **CHARTER AMENDMENT**

10 Shall Section 602 of the Charter of the City of
11 Culver City be amended to provide for the
12 ineligibility of a person who has resigned from
13 the City Council to run for the Office of City
14 Council Member for a period of two years from
15 the date of such resignation?

Yes

No

16 A majority vote is required for Measure passage.

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18 Measure _____ **CHARTER AMENDMENT**

19 Shall Section 608 of the Charter of the City of
20 Culver City be amended to authorize the City
21 Council to determine the dates of Regular
22 Meetings of the City Council?

Yes

No

23 A majority vote is required for Measure passage.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, DOES
26 HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:
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1. The respective Arguments in Favor of said Measures, attached hereto as Exhibits "A," "B," "C," and "D", are hereby approved; and,

2. The arguments shall be filed with the Elections Official no later than August 18, 2016, signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it. The arguments shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to be filed by the author(s) of the arguments.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2016.

JIM B. CLARKE, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JEREMY GREEN
Deputy City Clerk

CAROL A. SCHWAB
City Attorney

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Exhibit A

YES ON X, the Culver City Safe Clean Water Measure, is vital to protecting our health, ensuring access to clean water, improving the environment, providing open space, and avoiding costly fines and lawsuits.

Measure X is needed because dangerous bacteria, pesticides, toxic chemicals, oil, trash and other pollutants are carried by urban runoff and rainwater through our streets, storm drains and into local waterways, like Ballona Creek and our coastal waters. These pollutants **threaten water supplies**, harm fish and wildlife, cause illness and infections for swimmers, and make beaches and waterways unsafe. Culver City has a good environmental track record that includes preserving open space, cleaning streets and storm drains, and educating residents and businesses to conserve water and reduce pollution. However, strict State and Federal environmental protection laws require more rigorous prevention measures. If we fail to meet these requirements, Culver City will be subject to fines of up to \$25,000 per day, and risk expensive lawsuits that could force cuts to essential city services, like police and fire protection.

- **Yes on Measure X** will raise funds for programs that prevent pollution and toxic chemicals from reaching our waterways, ensuring the health of our residents and the environment.
- Projects will **enhance open and green space** to capture and naturally filter stormwater and urban runoff, protecting our water supply, wildlife habitats, Ballona Creek and Marina del Rey Harbor.
- Measure X requires the Culver City Finance Advisory Committee to oversee these funds, assuring **transparency, accountability, and public oversight**, including annual financial audits. All money will be controlled by Culver City, and used **exclusively** to protect our **local water supply**.
- Without **Safe Clean Water**, Culver City may be forced to cut vital city services to fund these mandatory programs.
- We cannot rely on the County, State, or Federal Governments to take care of this problem. **IF WE WANT CLEAN WATER IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE MUST ACT LOCALLY!**

Exhibit B

Argument in Favor of Ballot Measure (for Charter Amendment 1):

Proposed charter amendment No. 1 would change the appointing authority of the Fire Chief and Police Chief from the part-time City Council to the full-time City Manager, where that authority should reside.

Councilmembers are elected to make policy and set direction for our City, while the City Manager's full-time job is to implement those policies. Councilmembers dedicate hundreds of hours to serving our City, but their job is not to "run the city." They often have full-time jobs outside of their Council service and are not trained in public administration. That is why we have professional, full-time staff -- experts in their respective fields -- who handle the day-to-day operation of our City.

Policymaking and oversight will always remain with the City Council, and the City Manager will continue to serve at its pleasure. But today, the City Manager possesses the authority to appoint and remove every department head reporting to him except the Police and Fire Chiefs. Though both Chiefs are encouraged to cooperate with the City Manager, the City Manager lacks the authority to compel their cooperation should it prove elusive.

Both Police Chief Bixby and Fire Chief White support the proposed charter amendment. Especially in emergency situations, a clear chain of command through the City Manager is critical. But today, even under the best of conditions, the Chiefs must deal with taking direction, at times conflicting, from five independently elected bosses -- not the most effective way to conduct business.

There is no reason to treat the Chiefs differently from other department heads in regard to the City Manager's authority to appoint and remove them. This change to the city charter will codify existing good practices, ensure a cooperative working environment going forward and better serve the residents of Culver City.

Exhibit C

Argument in Favor of Ballot Measure (for Charter Amendment 2):

Proposed charter amendment No. 2 imposes an ineligibility period of two years (one election cycle) to run for City Council on a person who has resigned from City Council. Currently, the Culver City Charter allows members of the City Council to serve two consecutive four-year terms for a total of eight years. It also allows a Councilmember who has "termed out" to run again for City Council after taking a break in service by sitting out one election cycle of two years. This proposed change closes an unintended loophole by treating a Councilmember who resigns from office the same as a termed out Councilmember who desires to run again. It fairly requires the resigned member to also have a break of service and sit out one election cycle of two years before being allowed to run again.

Exhibit D

Argument in Favor of Ballot Measure (for Charter Amendment 3):

Proposed charter amendment No. 3 allows the City Council to control its own calendar. The City Charter requires that the Council shall hold regular meetings “at least twice each month.” This change would remove the words “at least twice each month.” When the City Council operated as both the Council and the Redevelopment Agency, it met four times a month – twice as Council and twice as the Redevelopment Agency. With the dissolution of redevelopment, the Council only regularly meets twice a month. This charter change gives the Council flexibility in setting the number of meeting dates. As an example, the City normally does not hold Council meetings on the night before the municipal elections nor on national holidays. While the Council has priority on use of the Council Chambers, it can become a significant inconvenience to other organizations such as the school district or City commissions when they get bumped from their normal meeting dates. Although it is the City Council’s intent to meet twice each month whenever possible, the Council should have flexibility to set the number of meetings during any given month.