

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 10/01/12		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Discussion about City Council Positions on Ballot Measures.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments:	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: (E-Mail) Agenda and Meetings – City Council (09/26/12)			
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (09/26/12)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (09/26/12)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (09/26/12)		City Manager Approval: John Nachbar (09/26/12)	

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council discuss whether or not it wishes to direct the City Manager to place on a future agenda an item for the City Council to take positions on one or more of the Propositions appearing on the November 6, 2012 Ballot.

BACKGROUND:

At the City Council meeting of September 24, 2012, the City Council directed the City Manager to place on a future agenda a discussion on whether the City Council, as a matter of policy, wanted to take positions on one or more of the statewide propositions appearing on the November 6, 2012 General Election.

Past practice of prior City Councils has been to consider such positions infrequently. On a few occasions since 2004, the City Council has taken positions on statewide ballot measures. For example, on September 27, 2004, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2001-RO64 supporting Proposition 1A (Protection of Local Government Revenues. Legislative Constitutional Amendment). At that same City Council meeting, the City Council considered whether to take a position on Proposition 71 (California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative) and gave individual viewpoints regarding the issue. Following a discussion amongst the City Council Members, the motion to adopt a resolution supporting Proposition 71 failed (1 – 3, with one abstention).

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On September 25, 2006, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2006-R067 Supporting Propositions 1A (Transportation Funding Protection); 1B (Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act); 1C (Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006); 1D (Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act); 1E (Flood Control and Drinking Water Structures); and 84 (Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute) on the November 2006 Ballot and directed that copies of the adopted Resolution be sent to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Senator Kevin Murray, 26th District, Assemblymember Karen Bass, 47th District, and the League of California Cities.

On September 22, 2008, the City Council adopted a position of support for Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure R on the November 4, 2008 Ballot.

DISCUSSION:

At tonight's City Council meeting, the City Council may determine that it wants to agendize a discussion to take a position on one or more of the statewide ballot measures appearing on the November 6, 2012 General Election Ballot, which are:

- Proposition 30 - Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
- Proposition 31 - State Budget. State and Local Government. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.
- Proposition 32 - Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Contributions to Candidates. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 33 - Auto Insurance Companies. Prices Based on Driver's History of Insurance Coverage. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 34 - Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 35 - Human Trafficking. Penalties. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 36 - Three Strikes Law. Repeat Felony Offenders. Penalties. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 37 - Genetically Engineered Foods. Labeling. Initiative Statute.

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- Proposition 38 - Tax to Fund Education and Early Childhood Programs. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 39 - Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 40 - Redistricting. State Senate Districts. Referendum.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact to direct staff to bring back a staff report and proposed resolution for City Council's consideration relating to the November 6, 2012 ballot measures.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

Consider the subject of whether to place an item on a future agenda for the City Council to take positions on one or more propositions appearing on the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot and direct the City Manager as deemed appropriate.