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please call 1-888-873-1000**

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1-800-994-VOTE (8683)**

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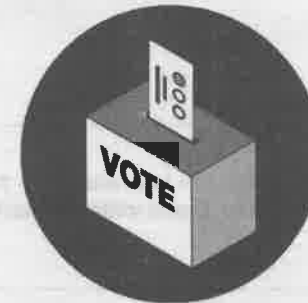
**Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.**

**Find your polling place:**

On the back cover of this booklet





By visiting [clerk.lacity.org/elections](http://clerk.lacity.org/elections)

By calling **(888) 873-1000**



# Voting Instructions

- Obtain an official ballot at your polling place on Election Day.
- Mark the ballot with the special ink marker provided.

<p><b>STEP 1</b> Insert Ballot. Place holes over <b>red posts</b>.</p> 	<p><b>STEP 2</b> Push down <b>firmly</b> to mark.</p> 
<p><b>STEP 3</b> Check your Ballot for complete <b>marks</b>.</p> 	<p><b>STEP 4</b> Insert Ballot into <b>Precinct Ballot Reader</b>. It will check for errors.</p> 

- Ask a poll worker for another ballot if you make a mistake or damage your ballot.



**Audio equipment is available to assist voters with disabilities or those with alternative language needs!**

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL BALLOT  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
MAY 16, 2017**

**MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1**

**Vote for One**

GILBERT "GIL" CEDILLO  
Los Angeles City Councilmember

**56**

JOE BRAY-ALI  
Community Advocate

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL BALLOT  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
MAY 16, 2017

CITY OF LOS ANGELES MEASURE

**C** CIVILIAN REVIEW OF POLICE DISCIPLINARY MATTERS.  
CHARTER AMENDMENT C.

Shall the Charter be amended to allow the City Council to provide that a police officer who is entitled to a Police Department Board of Rights hearing for a disciplinary matter may select a Board of Rights composed of all civilian members?

YES 140

NO 141

END OF BALLOT



Voter Bill of Rights

- The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
  - ★ a U.S. citizen living in California
  - ★ registered where you currently live
  - ★ at least 18 years old
  - ★ not in prison or on parole for a felony.
- The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.**  
You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake**, if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
  - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot; or
  - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place; or
  - Vote using a provisional ballot**, if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.
- The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in the county where you are registered to vote.
- The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people voting in your voting precinct speak that language.
- The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

- On the web at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)
- By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- By email at [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)



## Voter Information Pamphlet

### ON Charter Amendment C

The next page contains the simplified version of the City's ballot measure. The full text of this measure, along with other information, is printed after the Ballot Summary (see TABLE OF CONTENTS Page).

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**ELECTION DIVISION**

**TITLE:**

CIVILIAN REVIEW OF POLICE DISCIPLINARY MATTERS.

**THE ISSUE:**

Shall the Charter be amended to give the City Council the authority to allow a police officer accused of misconduct to choose to have the case heard and decided by a Police Department Board of Rights panel composed either of: a) two police officers and one civilian (the only current option); or b) three civilians (the proposed new option)?

**THE SITUATION:**

Since 1992, the Charter has required a police officer who is accused of misconduct and recommended for termination, or an officer who appeals a finding of misconduct resulting in suspension or demotion, to have the case heard and decided by a Board of Rights panel composed of two command-level police officers and one civilian.

**THE PROPOSAL:**

This measure would:

- Authorize the City Council to adopt an ordinance providing an accused police officer the option to appear before a Board of Rights composed either of: a) two police officers and one civilian; or b) three civilians. The qualifications, selection and compensation of civilian Board members would be established by ordinance.
- Require the Police Department to submit a report to the City Council evaluating the effectiveness of the new Board of Rights option at the end of two years.

**A YES VOTE MEANS:**

You want to allow the City Council to adopt an ordinance to provide a police officer accused of misconduct the additional option to have the case heard and decided by a Board of Rights panel composed of three civilians.

**A NO VOTE MEANS:**

You want to keep the Board of Rights as is: comprised of two command-level police officers and one civilian, with no option for an all-civilian Board.

**THE FULL TEXT OF THIS MEASURE BEGINS ON PAGE 13.**





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**C CIVILIAN REVIEW OF POLICE DISCIPLINARY MATTERS. CHARTER AMENDMENT C.**

Shall the Charter be amended to allow the City Council to provide that a police officer who is entitled to a Police Department Board of Rights hearing for a disciplinary matter may select a Board of Rights composed of all civilian members?

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**IMPARTIAL SUMMARY**

**BY SHARON M. TSO, CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

This Charter Amendment, if approved, would give City Council the authority to enact an ordinance that would grant police officers in the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) who have been accused of misconduct the option of having their cases heard and decided by a Board of Rights panel composed of three civilians.

When the Chief of Police (Chief) finds that an officer has committed misconduct that warrants termination from employment, the Chief must direct the officer to a Board of Rights hearing with a recommendation that the officer's employment be terminated. In misconduct cases that the Chief believes do not warrant termination, the Chief may demote an officer or suspend an officer for up to 22 days without pay; however, the officer who has been suspended or demoted may request a Board of Rights hearing to determine guilt and the level of punishment. Under the City Charter, a Board of Rights has the final authority to determine guilt in misconduct cases and prescribe an appropriate penalty in all cases referred to a Board. The Chief may either impose the penalty recommended by the Board of Rights or a lesser punishment. The Chief is not able to terminate the employment of an officer without a recommendation to do so by a Board of Rights.

Currently, a Board of Rights panel is made up of three members: two command-level LAPD officers with the rank of captain or above, and one civilian hearing examiner chosen from a list maintained by the Board of Police Commissioners. A Board of Rights hearing is conducted under administrative law, with arguments presented by the accused officer and the officer's counsel or representative and a sworn supervisor acting as an Advocate for the LAPD. At the conclusion of a Board of Rights, the panel decides the officer's guilt or innocence. If an officer is found guilty, the Board of Rights then enters a penalty phase, where it determines what level of punishment is appropriate. Decisions in Board of Rights hearings are made by a majority vote and do not have to be unanimous.

This proposal seeks the authority to create an optional all-civilian Board of Rights. Under this proposal, the City Council would be authorized to enact an ordinance to give officers going before a Board of Rights the option to have their case heard and determined by a Board of Rights panel composed of three civilians, as opposed to a Board composed of two command-level officers and one civilian. The qualifications of, selection process and compensation for

civilian Board of Rights members would be established by the ordinance. At the end of two years, the Police Department would be required to submit a report to the City Council on the effectiveness of the ordinance.

If approved, this measure would be the first change to the composition of the Board of Rights since 1992, when the civilian member was added to the panel. Prior to 1992, Board of Rights panels were composed of three police officers with the rank of captain or above.

This measure will become effective if approved by the majority of voters.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**BY RICHARD H. LLEWELLYN, JR., INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

If approved, this ballot measure would allow the Los Angeles City Council to adopt an ordinance whereby a police officer who is entitled to a Police Department Board of Rights hearing for a disciplinary matter may select a Board of Rights composed of three civilian members. If the City Council adopts such an ordinance, the Los Angeles Police Department could incur additional costs of approximately \$280,000 annually to retain the services of additional civilian hearing officers.



## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT C

Ensuring trust between residents and our City's police officers is critical to effective community policing and creating safe neighborhoods. **Charter Amendment C is a much-needed measure to strengthen that trust by increasing civilian oversight over the Los Angeles Police Department.**

The vast majority of Los Angeles police officers are hard-working, care about our community, and do their jobs well, but we need to make sure officers who act inappropriately are held accountable. **Charter Amendment C increases civilian oversight of the police discipline process, providing a check and balance against any police misconduct, while protecting the rights and interests of residents.**

Currently, police discipline is decided by a three-member panel, consisting of two LAPD officers and only one civilian member. This puts officers in the difficult position of making decisions about their colleagues' careers and potentially overruling decisions made by their boss, the Chief of Police. Asking police officers to police themselves can be a conflict, or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

However, Charter Amendment C creates an alternative discipline panel where all three members are civilians who do not work for LAPD. This improves the discipline system so that independent civilians more often oversee the police discipline, making decisions based on facts and evidence, and with the best interests of our community in mind. **Charter Amendment C ensures that discipline decisions will be based on facts, not department politics.**

**Charter Amendment C is supported by a broad coalition of police officers, community advocates, and public officials.** The authors of this argument include a civilian police commissioner, a civil attorney, a neighborhood advocate, as well as police officers.

**Charter Amendment C provides us the opportunity to increase police accountability and public oversight while also ensuring a fair discipline process for our officers. Vote YES on Charter Amendment C.**

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## PERSONS SIGNING ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT C

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CYNTHIA MCCLAIN-HILL  
Commissioner  
Los Angeles Board of  
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Former President, Los Angeles  
Board of Police Commissioners

MITCHELL ENGLANDER  
Chair of Los Angeles City Council  
Public Safety Committee

JOHN (JAY) HANDAL  
Co-Chair  
Neighborhood Budget Advocates

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED.**



## REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT C

### Additional argument in favor of Charter Amendment C:

This is a historic opportunity to increase civilian oversight of the Los Angeles Police Department. Charter Amendment C expands civilian oversight and enhances trust between the public and our city's police officers.

The LAPD is overseen by a civilian board of Police Commissioners. Charter Amendment C extends that civilian oversight to the discipline process.

The current discipline model provides for a three-member panel, a majority of whom are LAPD personnel. At a minimum, this can present an appearance of a conflict of interest. Charter Amendment C allows for the discipline panel to be comprised of all civilian members.

Our police officers have a tough job, and they do it well. However, we must have a discipline system that holds officers who act inappropriately accountable as well as treats officers fairly. That's why Charter Amendment C is supported by police officers and current and former members of the civilian police commission.

### PERSONS SIGNING REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT C

CRAIG LALLY  
President  
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JIMMIE WOODS-GRAY  
Community Activist

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New provisions or language added to the Charter or to existing Charter sections are shown in underline type; words deleted from the Charter or from existing Charter sections are shown in ~~strikeout~~ type.

## CHARTER AMENDMENT C

Section 1. Subsection (h) of Section 1070 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

(h) **Composition of Board of Rights.** The Board of Rights shall be composed of two officers of the rank of captain or above and an individual who is not a member of the department (the civilian member), except as provided in the second paragraph of this subsection below. The members selected as prescribed in this section shall constitute the Board for the purpose of hearing and deciding upon the matter for which it was specially drawn. The qualifications of, selection procedures for, and compensation of the civilian members shall be established by ordinance. Upon the filing of the request for a hearing before a Board of Rights, as provided in subsection (f), the accused shall draw four cards from a box containing the names on cards of all officers who are qualified to be members of the Board of Rights (except the names of the accused, accuser, the Chief of Police, any staff or command officer specifically exempted by the Chief of Police in accordance with the provisions of the Board of Rights Manual or successor document, and any other officer who may be prejudiced or disqualified by reason of being a material witness to the facts constituting the charges made, otherwise disqualified for cause as determined by the Chief, or who has a conflict of interest). The accused shall select any two of the four names drawn to be members of the Board of Rights.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Council may adopt an ordinance providing the accused the option of having the complaint heard and decided by a Board of Rights composed of three individuals who are not members of the department (three civilian members) instead of a Board composed of two officers and one civilian. The qualifications of, selection procedures for, and compensation of the civilian members shall be established by ordinance. If the Council adopts an ordinance providing the option for an all civilian Board of Rights as described in this paragraph: the ordinance shall not apply to any complaint that has been filed by the Chief of Police with the Board of Police Commissioners prior to the effective date of the ordinance; the Council shall not repeal the ordinance for at least two years after it is adopted; and the department shall submit a report to the Council evaluating the effectiveness of the ordinance at the end of the two-year period.





## Information for Voters with Special Needs

### Wheelchair Accessibility ..... (888) 873-1000



Your polling place is shown on the back cover of this booklet. The word "access" is printed below the wheelchair accessibility symbol to indicate a polling place's accessibility.

### Curbside Voting:

Curbside voting is available for people who are unable to make their way from their vehicle to the polling place.

### Assistive Devices on Election Day:

Assistive devices at polling place include magnifying glass, dexterity ball, and wheelchair accessible voting booth.

### Audio Recordings ..... (213) 978-0444



Audio equipment is available at your polling place to assist you.

Audio recordings of the offices and/or measures included in this booklet are available in English, Armenian, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. These recordings are available on our website: [clerk.lacity.org/elections](http://clerk.lacity.org/elections) under the "Voters" tab, and at the following locations:

Braille Institute Library  
741 North Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
(323) 660-3880

Central Library  
630 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071  
(213) 228-7000

Voters may also request a copy of the audio recordings from our office:  
Office of the City Clerk-Election Division  
Attn: Audio Recordings  
555 Ramirez Street, Space 300  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### TTY Phone Number ..... (213) 485-2121

A TTY phone number is provided for voters who are hearing impaired.

### Language Assistance ..... (800) 994-8683

The City also provides voting materials in Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. Registered voters can request an Official Sample Ballot in any of the above languages.



## Contact Us

### Election Information ..... (888) 873-1000

### Registering to vote ..... (800) 815-2666 / (562) 466-1310

You must register to vote at least 15 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election. An online voter registration form is available at the California Secretary of State's website: [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov). Applications are available at DMV Offices and other public places.

### Polling Place Location ..... (888) 873-1000 / (213) 978-0444

Your polling place is shown on the back cover of this booklet.

### Vote-By-Mail ..... (213) 978-8050

Use the application on the back cover of this booklet, or from our website.

### TTY Phone Number ..... (213) 485-2121

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### Wheelchair Accessibility ..... (888) 873-1000

A designation on the back of this booklet indicates wheelchair accessibility at your polling place.

### Poll Workers ..... (866) 899-8683 / (888) 873-1000

City poll workers are recruited for each City election. Poll workers can earn between \$100 and \$240 for their service.

### Language Assistance ..... (800) 994-VOTE (8683)

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### Audio Recordings ..... (213) 978-0444

Audio recordings are available in English, and the languages listed above.

### Los Angeles County Voter Fraud Hotline ..... (800) 815-2666

To report factual information on illegal voter registration and/or voting activities, call the County Registrar-Recorder. Press 3 on the options menu.

Additional information is available on our website:

[clerk.lacity.org/elections](http://clerk.lacity.org/elections)



## Vote-By-Mail

- Would you like to vote at your convenience?
- Are you unable to go to your polling place on Election Day?

Vote-By-Mail is available to any registered voter eligible to vote in this election. **Use the application on the back cover of this booklet to request your Vote-By-Mail ballot, following these simple instructions:**

1. Fill out the application on the back cover of this booklet.
2. Please complete the application immediately. Applications must be received by the City Clerk by May 9, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
3. If you are unable to fill out this application or need additional information, call the Vote-By-Mail Section at **(213) 978-8050**.
4. Place a postage stamp on your application. The post office will not deliver without proper postage.

**NOTE:** Voters with Permanent Vote-By-Mail status do not need to reapply!

To become a Permanent Vote-By-Mail voter, call (562) 466-1323, or visit **LAVote.net**, or write to: Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450.

For additional information, call us:

City of Los Angeles, City Clerk-Election Division  
Vote-By-Mail Section: **(213) 978-8050**.

Visit our website:

**clerk.lacity.org/elections**



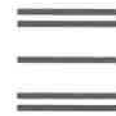
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