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NEWS RELEASE

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CITY CALLS FOR REQUESTS TO MAKE BALLOT MEASURE ARGUMENTS 2017 PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott announced today that individuals and organizations who wish to write arguments concerning City of Los Angeles' measures to appear in the March 7, 2017 Primary Nominating Election, must submit requests to the office of Council President Herb J. Wesson Jr. **no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 2, 2016.** Ballot arguments in favor of and against these measures will be published in the Voter Information Pamphlet which is provided to all registered voters in the City of Los Angeles.

The City Council has approved the following four measures to appear on the March ballot:

- Cannabis Regulation After Citizen Input, Taxation and Enforcement. Proposition.
- Cannabis Activity Permits, Regulations and Taxation. Initiative Ordinance.
- Building Moratorium; Restrictions on General Plan Amendments; Required Review of General Plan. Initiative Ordinance.
- Maximum Term of Harbor Department Leases. Charter Amendment

Council President Wesson will designate applicants from the request pool to be considered by the City Council's Rules and Elections Committee at its special meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Designated authors will be notified by the City Clerk and will be provided with the necessary forms and detailed instructions.

The attached letter from Council President Wesson further explains the ballot measure argument submission process. Also attached is the form to request to be the designated author of a ballot argument in favor of or against a measure.

For further information or assistance, please contact Brian Walters with the City Clerk's Council and Public Services Office at (213) 978-1081 or Brian.Walters@lacity.org between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Office of the City Clerk administers elections for the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the Los Angeles Community College District. More information can be found on the City Clerk's election website at: clerk.lacity.org/elections.

Attachments

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HERB J. WESSON, JR.
COUNCILMEMBER, 10TH DISTRICT
PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

November 21, 2016

All Interested Parties

**RE: BALLOT ARGUMENTS - MARCH 7, 2017 CITY PRIMARY NOMINATING
MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

The City Council has adopted resolutions to place the following four Ballot Measures before the voters on the March 7, 2017, City's Primary Nominating Election:

Cannabis Regulation After Citizen Input, Taxation and Enforcement.
PROPOSITION ___.

Cannabis Activity Permits, Regulations and Taxation.
INITIATIVE ORDINANCE ___.

Building Moratorium; Restrictions on General Plan Amendments; Required Review
General Plan.
INITIATIVE ORDINANCE ___.

Maximum Term of Harbor Department Leases.
CHARTER AMENDMENT ___.

These measures were placed on the ballot by the City Council. Accordingly, Section 605(c) of the City Election Code specifies that the President of the City Council, with the approval of the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee, may designate a person or association of persons to write arguments and/or rebuttals In Favor of and Against the adoption of measures to be placed on the ballot. In making a designation, the President of the City Council shall give preference in the following order: (1) an elected officer of the City; (2) an appointive officer of the City; (3) bona fide associations of citizens; (4) individual voters.

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Please note, elected officials and City employees submitting ballot arguments do so wholly in their personal capacity.

Individuals wishing to be designated to write arguments related to the measures named in this section should submit written requests to my office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2016. For your convenience, please use the attached form. A copy of your request should also be forwarded to:

Office of the City Clerk
200 North Spring Street
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attention: Brian Walters

The Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee will consider my designations at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., Van Nuys City Hall. All authors will be notified by the City Clerk and will be provided with detailed instructions and the necessary forms to proceed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Brian Walters in the City Clerk's Office at (213) 978-1050 or Brian.Walters@lacity.org.

Sincerely,



HERB J. WESSON, JR.
President, Los Angeles City Council
Councilmember, 10th District

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

Date:

To: The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Council President
cc: Brian Walters, Office of the City Clerk

From:

Subject: BALLOT ARGUMENTS/REBUTTALS – MARCH 7, 2017

In accordance with the provisions of Section 605 of the City Election Code, the undersigned hereby requests designation as the author of the argument and rebuttal argument for or against the following measures to be submitted to the voters at the City's Primary Nominating Election on March 7, 2017. Election Code Section 605 also provides that the argument and rebuttal argument in support of an initiative measure shall be written by the proponents of the initiative and signed by at least one of the proponents.

Please indicate your selected measure(s) with checkmark(s) in the box on the left, and also indicate whether you would like to submit the ballot argument and rebuttal argument in favor of, or against, the selected measure by checking the space(s) in the appropriate columns on the right.

Also please note, elected officials and City employees submitting ballot/rebuttal arguments do so in their personal capacity.

Submission Deadline: Friday, December 2, 2016 - no later than 5:00 p.m.

<u>BALLOT MEASURE</u>	<u>ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR</u>	<u>ARGUMENTS AGAINST</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> CANNABIS REGULATION AFTER CITIZEN INPUT, TAXATION AND ENFORCEMENT. PROPOSITION ___.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> CANNABIS ACTIVITY PERMITS, REGULATIONS AND TAXATION. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE ___.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING MORATORIUM; RESTRICTIONS ON GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS; REQUIRED REVIEW OF GENERAL PLAN. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE ___.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM TERM OF HARBOR DEPARTMENT LEASES. CHARTER AMENDMENT ___.	_____	_____

Submitted by:

Print Name

Signature

Daytime Phone Number

Date

Contact Information
BALLOT/REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS – MARCH 7, 2017

Daytime E-Mail Address

Street Address

City/Zip

Name of Designated Representative (if any)

Representative's Daytime Phone Number

Representative's Daytime E-Mail Address