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**CITY CALLS FOR REQUESTS TO MAKE BALLOT MEASURE ARGUMENTS**  
**2011 PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION**

**LOS ANGELES** (November 24, 2010) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay today announced that Council President Eric Garcetti is calling upon individuals and organizations who wish to write arguments concerning the 11 measures appearing on the City of Los Angeles March 2011 ballot to submit requests to him no later than 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2010. Ballot arguments will be published in the Voter Information Pamphlet, which is mailed to registered voters.

The City Council has voted to place on the March 2011 ballot these measures:

- Increase funding for the L.A. Public Library
- Remove three unconstitutional provisions regarding contribution limits and self-financed candidates
- Establish a Contingency Reserve Account and Emergency Reserve Account in the City's Reserve Fund, and a Budget Stabilization Fund in the City Treasury
- Amend City employment provisions
- Restrict prospective contractor campaign contributions and fundraising, and matters regarding the City's Campaign Trust Fund
- Impose a tax on medical marijuana collectives in Los Angeles
- Impose an excise tax on oil producers in Los Angeles
- Create a new tier within the Fire and Police Pension Plan and Harbor Department for new hires and related modifications
- Department of Water and Power (DWP), submission of preliminary budget to the City Council and procedures for making surplus transfers from the Power Revenue Fund to the City Reserve Fund
- DWP, removal of commissioners and the general manager by the City Council  
*(Subject to final adoption)*
- DWP, establish an Office of Public Accountability (Ratepayer Advocate), overseen by an Executive Director appointed by a citizens committee and confirmed by the Council and Mayor

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Council President Garcetti will designate applicants from the request pool to be considered by the City Council's Rules and Elections Committee at a special meeting on Friday, December 10, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Designated authors will be notified by the City Clerk and provided with the necessary forms and detailed instructions.

An attached letter from Council President Garcetti further explains the ballot measure argument submission process. A form used to make the request has also been included with this press release.

For more information, please contact Shannon Hoppes of the City Clerk's Office at (213) 978-1050 or [shannon.hoppes@lacity.org](mailto:shannon.hoppes@lacity.org).

The Office of the City Clerk - Election Division administers elections for the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District. The City's upcoming elections will be held March 8, 2011 and May 17, 2011. More information can be found on the City Election Division's website at: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election>.

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**ERIC GARCETTI**

COUNCILMEMBER

PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

November 24, 2010

To Interested Parties:

**SUBJECT: BALLOT ARGUMENTS, MARCH 8, 2011 CITY PRIMARY  
NOMINATING ELECTION**

The City Council has adopted resolutions to place the following Ballot Measures before the voters on the March 8, 2011 City Primary Nominating Election:

Increase funding for the L.A. Public Library

Remove three unconstitutional provisions regarding contribution limits and self-financed candidates

Establish a Contingency Reserve Account and Emergency Reserve Account in the City's Reserve Fund, and a Budget Stabilization Fund in the City Treasury

Amend City employment provisions

Restrict prospective contractor campaign contributions and fundraising, and matters regarding the City's Campaign Trust Fund

Impose a tax on medical marijuana collectives in Los Angeles

Impose an excise tax on oil producers in Los Angeles

Create a new tier within the Fire and Police Pension Plan and Harbor Department for new hires and related modifications

DWP, submission of preliminary budget to the City Council and procedures for making surplus transfers from the Power Revenue Fund to the City Reserve Fund

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Section 605(c) of the City Election Code specifies that the President of the City Council, with the approval of the Rules and Elections Committee, may designate a person or association of persons to write arguments and/or rebuttal arguments for and against the adoption of any measure 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.

Thus, individuals wishing to be designated to write arguments related to the above measures should submit written requests to my office no **later than 2:00 p.m. on December 7, 2010**. A form letter which may be used for this purpose is attached for your convenience. A copy of your request should also be forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Room 395, Attn: Shannon Hoppes.

The Rules and Elections Committee will consider my designations at a **special meeting on Friday December 10, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.** Designated 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 Shannon Hoppes in the City Clerk's Office at (213) 978-1050.

Sincerely,



ERIC GARCETTI  
President, Los Angeles City Council  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

Attachment

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# interoffice MEMORANDUM

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Date:

To: The Honorable Eric Garcetti, Council President

From:

Subject: BALLOT ARGUMENTS – MARCH 8, 2011

In accordance with the provisions of Section 605(c) of the City Election Code, the undersigned hereby requests designation as the author of the ballot argument for or against the following measures to be submitted to the voters at the City's Primary Nominating Election on March 8, 2011:

**BALLOT MEASURE**

**IN FAVOR**

**AGAINST**

*(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 argument in favor of, or against, the selected measure by checking the space/s in the appropriate columns on the right).*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Increase funding for the L.A. Public Library   | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Remove three unconstitutional provisions regarding contribution limits and self-financed candidates  | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Establish a Contingency Reserve Account and Emergency Reserve Account in the City's Reserve Fund, and a Budget Stabilization Fund in the City Treasury | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Amend City employment provisions   | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Restrict prospective contractor campaign contributions and fundraising, and matters regarding the City's Campaign Trust Fund                           | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Impose a tax on medical marijuana collectives in Los Angeles   | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Impose an excise tax on oil producers in Los Angeles   | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Create a new tier within the Fire and Police Pension Plan and Harbor Department for new hires and related modifications                                | _____ | _____ |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | DWP, removal of commissioners and the general manager by the City Council  | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DWP, establish an Office of Public Accountability (Ratepayer Advocate), overseen by an Executive Director appointed by a citizens committee and confirmed by the Council and Mayor | _____ | _____ |

**Submitted by:**

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**Print name**

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**Sign Name**

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**Phone Number**

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**E-mail Address**

cc: Shannon Hoppes, Office of the City Clerk

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