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DOWNTOWN STREETCAR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
CITY CALLS FOR REQUESTS TO SUBMIT BALLOT MEASURE ARGUMENTS

LOS ANGELES (August 22, 2012) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that Council President Herb Wesson, Jr. is calling upon individuals and organizations who wish to write ballot arguments favoring or opposing the establishment of a Downtown Streetcar, which is scheduled for a December 2012 Community Facilities District Special Election, to submit their request to do so no later than August 31, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Ballot arguments, once prepared, will be published in the Official Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet which will be mailed to registered voters within the boundaries of the Community Facilities District. The Special Election will be held on Monday, December 3, 2012.

Council President Wesson will designate the author(s) of the arguments, which the City Council's Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee will consider for approval at a special meeting anticipated for September 4, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. After Committee approval, the City Clerk will contact the author(s) and provide them with the necessary materials and detailed instructions.

Attached is the letter from Council President Wesson explaining the Downtown Streetcar ballot measure argument submission process. Also attached is the form to request to be the designated author of the ballot argument.

For further information or assistance, please contact Shannon Hoppes, Division Manager of the City Clerk's Council and Public Services Office at (213) 978-1050 or shannon.hoppes@lacity.org between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The purpose of the Downtown Streetcar Community Facilities District Special Election is to submit to the qualified electors within the boundary the proposals necessary to establish the Downtown Streetcar; i.e., to incur bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$85 million, to levy a special tax within the Community Facilities District, and to establish an appropriations limit for the Community Facilities District in the amount of \$85 million.

If you would like complete copies of Ordinances No. 182191 and 182192 relating to the Downtown Streetcar Community Facilities District, you may download them at cityclerk.lacity.org (and click on Ordinance Search) or call the City Clerk at (213) 978-1046 and copies will be mailed at no cost to you.

Attachments

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

August 22, 2012

Interested Parties:

**SUBJECT: BALLOT ARGUMENTS FOR DOWNTOWN STREETCAR COMMUNITY
FACILITIES DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION ON DECEMBER 3, 2012**


The City Council has called a Community Facilities District No. 9 Special Election for the Downtown Streetcar. Section 605 of the City's Election Code specifies that the President of the City Council, with the approval of the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, is to designate a person or persons to write arguments and rebuttal arguments for and against adoption of the measure placed on the ballot. In the event of multiple requests, the President shall give preference in the following order: (a) an elected officer of the City; (b) an appointed officer of the City; (c) bona fide associations of citizens; and (d) individual voters. Within each of these categories, priority is given to those persons or groups generally recognized as major public advocates or opponents of the proposal.

Individuals wishing to be designated to write arguments related to the Downtown Streetcar Community Facilities District should submit written requests addressed to me, Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr. Council President, c/o Office of City Clerk, Attn: Ms. Shannon Hoppes, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Room 395, Los Angeles, CA 90012, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2012.** A form letter which may be used for this purpose is attached for your convenience.

The Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee will consider my designations at a special meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, tentatively set for 8:30 a.m. Designated authors will then be notified by the City Clerk and provided with the necessary forms and detailed instructions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Andrew Westall of my staff at 213-473-7010.

Sincerely,


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

Attachment

interoffice
MEMORANDUM

Date: August 22, 2012

To: The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Council President
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Attn: Shannon Hoppes, Division Manager

Subject: BALLOT ARGUMENTS – SPECIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 9
ELECTION (DOWNTOWN STREETCAR) ON DECEMBER 3, 2012

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 or rebuttal for or against the following measure to be submitted to the voters within the boundary of Community Facilities District No. 9 on December 3, 2012:

<u>BALLOT MEASURE</u>	<u>IN FAVOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Downtown Streetcar, Community Facilities District No. 9	_____	_____

Submitted by:

Print name

Sign Name

Phone Number

E-mail Address