

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0241

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

July 28, 2020

Calling and Giving Notice of the Submittal to the Voters of an Independent Redistricting Commission Timeline Exception Ballot Measure to be Included in the General Municipal Election of November 3, 2020

BACKGROUND

- A. The City Council has called for, and giving notice of, a General Municipal Election to be consolidated with the November 3, 2020 Statewide General Municipal Election.
- B. The City Council desires to submit this measure to the voters at the November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Council hereby orders that the following questions be submitted to the voters in the City of Sacramento, California on Tuesday, November 3, 2020:

Measure B – Charter Amendment – Independent Redistricting Commission Timeline Exception

“Shall the measure amending section 171 of the City of Sacramento Charter, to have the Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission establish the next council district boundaries map no later than 130 days before the 2022 primary city election so that the map could be used for the 2022 elections, be adopted?”	YES
	NO

- Section 2. That the text of the proposed measure to be submitted to the voters are attached as Exhibit A.

- Section 3. The ballots to be used at the election shall be in the form and content as required by law.
- Section 4. The polls for the election shall open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, except as provided in section 14401 of the Elections Code.
- Section 5. In all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by the law for holding municipal elections.
- Section 6. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby given and the City Clerk is hereby authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form, and manner required by law.
- Section 7. The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

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Exhibit A - Measure Text (Independent Redistricting Commission Timeline Exception)

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on July 28, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest: **Mindy Cuppy** Digitally signed by Mindy Cuppy
Date: 2020.08.07 16:28:03 -07'00'
Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.

Proposed Ballot Measure: Independent Redistricting Commission Timeline Exception

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this charter amendment is to make an exception to the timelines for the Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission to establish a council district boundaries map, so that a new map can be operational for the councilmember elections to be held in 2022.

In 2016, Sacramento voters amended the charter to create the commission, which is scheduled to draw new council district boundaries next year. However, since then two things have happened: first, the state changed the statewide primary date (which is also the City's primary date) from June to March; second, the coronavirus pandemic has caused the Census Bureau to adjust its estimated date for delivery of block-level data. In typical Census years, the City would receive that data by April 1, but the pandemic has caused the U.S. Census Bureau to request an extension of its deadline to July 31, 2021.

The Sacramento City Charter currently provides that the commission has six months from the time Census data is received to draw a council district boundaries map, and that to be effective a map must be in place at least six months before the election. If the commission were to take the allotted six months, with an effective map taking effect in late January 2021, the map could not be used in the 2022 elections. The amendment proposed by this measure would make an exception to the timeline for adoption of the new council district boundaries map, so it can be utilized in the next elections coming in 2022.

Section 2.

A. A new subsection (f) is hereby added to section 171 of the Sacramento City Charter to read as follows:

- (f) Notwithstanding the time restrictions set forth in subsections (a), (b), and (c) above, for the map based on the 2020 United States decennial census, the commission shall adopt the final map establishing new council districts no later than 130 days before the 2022 primary city election; and any map that is effective before the councilmember candidate nomination period opens may be used for the 2022 elections.

- B. Except as specifically amended by subsection A above, all provisions of Sacramento City Charter section 171 remain unchanged and in full effect.

Section 3. Severability.

The provisions of this measure, including any portion, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, or word, are severable. If any provision of this measure or its application is held to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.