



# City of Carson

## Report to Mayor and City Council

October 7, 2014  
New Business Consent

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-098: CONSENTING TO AN ELECTION CONSOLIDATION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ORDERING THAT FOUR (4) SEATS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND ONE (1) SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015**

Submitted by Donesia L. Gause, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved by Nelson Hernandez  
City Manager

### **I. SUMMARY**

By letter dated September 19, 2014, Holly Wolcott, City Clerk, City of Los Angeles, notified the City of Carson that on September 19, 2014, the Los Angeles City Council adopted a resolution entitled: "A Resolution of the Los Angeles City Council Requesting that the Eleven Cities Identified in Exhibit 1 and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles Agree to Consolidate a Portion of the City's Primary Nominating Election to be Held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, with the Municipal Elections Conducted by Those Cities and the County on the Same Date" (Exhibit No. 2) and to possibly place ballot measures before the voters. The City of Los Angeles will reimburse the City of Carson for a proportional share of the expenses incurred for conducting the elections and cost savings will result from the consolidation and sharing of costs of these elections.

The portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District elections within the boundaries for the City of Carson are as follows:

Los Angeles Unified School District: One (1) seat for Member of the Board of Education, District 7.

Los Angeles Community College District: Four (4) seats for Trustee of the Board of Trustees, Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7.

The City Clerk has prepared the appropriate resolution for consideration by the City Council (Exhibit No. 1).

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**III. RECOMMENDATION**

TAKE the following action:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 14-098, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO AN ELECTION CONSOLIDATION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ORDERING THAT THE FOUR (4) SEATS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND ONE (1) SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015."

**IV. ALTERNATIVES**

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

**V. BACKGROUND**

The Primary Municipal Election for the City of Los Angeles, formerly held on the second Tuesday of April, will also be held on the first Tuesday in March, as approved by their voters in March, 2002. In addition to the City of Los Angeles council races, the Los Angeles City Clerk conducts the elections for the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. The City of Carson is either partially or entirely within the boundaries of both of these districts, and the City of Los Angeles has requested to consolidate these elections with the City of Carson. Benefits of this consolidation are that the City of Carson will be able to prorate more than half of our election costs back to the districts, including postage, poll worker salaries, absent voter ballots and precinct supplies, etc., and it will improve voter participation, enhance voter convenience, and improve the administration of the consolidated elections.

The City of Los Angeles has reimbursed the City of Carson for their proportional share of the expenses incurred for conducting consolidated general municipal elections with the City of Los Angeles for a portion of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member (LAUSD) and the Los Angeles Community College District Trustee (LACCD) elections, as follows:

Election Date	Amount	Description
March 4, 2003	\$53,083.88	LACCD/LAUSD
March 8, 2005	\$27,594.09	LACCD
March 6, 2007	\$64,194.77	LACCD/LAUSD
March 3, 2009	\$43,210.72	LACCD
March 8, 2011	\$54,912.46	LACCD/LAUSD
March 5, 2013	\$67,654.42	LACCD/LAUSD

**VI. FISCAL IMPACT**

None. The City of Los Angeles has agreed to reimburse the City of Carson its proportionate share of the costs for conducting the consolidated election for the Los Angeles Community College District and Los Angeles Unified School District with the City of Carson General Municipal Election to be held on the same date.

**VII. EXHIBITS**

1. Resolution No. 14-098. (pgs. 4-5)
2. Transmittal letter dated September 19, 2014, from Holly Wolcott, City Clerk, City of Los Angeles. (pgs. 6-11)

Prepared by: Donesia L. Gause, City Clerk

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

**Action taken by City Council**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 14-098

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO AN ELECTION CONSOLIDATION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ORDERING THAT THE FOUR (4) SEATS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND ONE (1) SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, and has been called by Resolution No. 14-096, adopted by the City Council of the City of Carson on October 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City of Los Angeles' Resolution, the City Council of the City of Carson is hereby requested to consent to a consolidation with the Primary Nominating Election of the City of Los Angeles, including the Los Angeles Community College District and the Los Angeles Unified School District, with the City's General Municipal Election scheduled to be held March 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles agrees to pay its proportionate share of the costs relating to the conduct of this election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** That pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law Cities, the City Council of the City of Carson hereby consents to consolidate the Primary Nominating Election of the City of Los Angeles, including the Los Angeles Community College District and the Los Angeles Unified School District for the purpose of electing four (4) Members of the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District in Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 and one (1) Member of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District in District 7 with the General Municipal Election of the City of Carson.

**Section 2.** In the event it appears at a later time that it would be in the best interest of the voters in the City of Carson to conduct these elections concurrently, instead of by consolidation, then only a verbal agreement between the two City Clerks is required to do so. A concurrent election is when each city conducts its own election separately, but using the same polling places and sharing election workers. Voters will walk in, sign a Roster and vote a City of Carson ballot, deposit it in the City of Carson ballot box, and then sign a second Roster, vote a City of Los Angeles ballot and deposit it in the City of Los Angeles ballot box. The voters will get a sample ballot from each city, and will have to apply to each city for a vote-by-mail ballot from the respective city.

EXHIBIT NO 01



**Section 3.** In the event that the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Carson should be cancelled due to insufficient candidates, then the City of Los Angeles will be responsible for the conduct of their election within the boundaries of the City of Carson.

**Section 4.** That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

**Section 5.** That the Election's Official shall forward without delay, a copy of said resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and to the City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles.

**Section 6.** That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

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Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Donesia L. Gause

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney William Wynder



HOLLY L. WOLCOTT  
CITY CLERK

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# City of Los Angeles CALIFORNIA



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September 19, 2014

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
c/o Room 395 City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATION REQUEST FOR MARCH 3, 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Honorable Members:

Transmitted herewith is a Resolution requesting that 11 Los Angeles area cities and the County of Los Angeles agree to consolidate a portion of the City of Los Angeles Primary Nominating Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, with the Municipal Elections to be conducted by those cities and the County on the same date. The cities of Bell, Cudahy, and Huntington Park will consolidate their elections with the County of Los Angeles and therefore it is recommended that the City direct its consolidation request to the County with respect to elections occurring in the territory of those cities. The purpose of consolidating a portion of the election would be for those cities and the County to conduct those portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member and/or Los Angeles Community College District Trustee elections that overlap the boundaries of the identified cities. The resolution further states that the City of Los Angeles agrees to pay a proportionate share of the costs for such consolidated elections. Any costs incurred by Los Angeles County for the conduct of the portion of the election conducted in the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park elections will be directly reimbursed by the Los Angeles Community College District. This same type of election consolidation has been done for the last six primary elections with great success.

When the voters of Los Angeles approved a Charter Amendment in 2002 changing the City of Los Angeles municipal elections dates, it moved the Primary Nominating Election date to the same day that other cities in the area are also holding elections. The City of Los Angeles conducts the elections for the Los Angeles Unified School District Board Members and the Los Angeles Community College District Trustees. Portions of those jurisdictions overlap the boundaries of these other cities. This provides an opportunity to consolidate those elections which is more convenient for the voter, reduces costs, and improves voter turnout.

EXHIBIT NO 02



Recommendations

The City Clerk recommends that the City Council approve the Resolution authorizing consolidation of these municipal elections for the following reasons:

- Consolidating the elections will allow the City of Los Angeles and the other cities to share the cost of conducting the election in the impacted areas (e.g. polling place operations, sample ballot mailing, etc.) thus reducing a proportionate share of the cost to all jurisdictions.
- Consolidating the elections will eliminate the need for voters to vote a separate ballot at the same polling place or worse, to go to separate polling places to vote in the City of Los Angeles Primary Nominating Election and in the other cities' municipal elections.
- The same consolidation was done in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013 and the voter turnout in those areas increased dramatically over those areas where only Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member or Los Angeles Community College District Trustee elections were on the ballot.

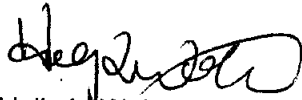
It should also be noted that changing the City of Los Angeles' election dates has had the additional benefit of reducing the total number of times the voters in the affected cities must go to the polls during an election cycle. These voters now go once in the consolidated primary election and once in the City of Los Angeles general election instead of the three times that would be required if the primary elections were not on the same date.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Adoption of the proposed Resolution will have no adverse impact on the General Fund, as the funds required to conduct the 2015 municipal elections are already included in the City Clerk's operating budget.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me directly at (213) 978-1020.

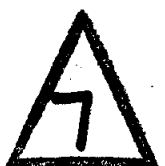
Sincerely,



Holly L. Wolcott  
City Clerk

Attachments

HLW/JP/MP:amm  
EXE-023-14



## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THAT THE ELEVEN CITIES IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT I AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AGREE TO CONSOLIDATE A PORTION OF THE CITY'S PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015, WITH THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY THOSE CITIES AND THE COUNTY ON THE SAME DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2015, Municipal Elections will be held in the cities identified in Exhibit I herein; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2015, Municipal Elections of three additional cities, Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park, will be held in those cities and conducted by the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will also conduct a Primary Nominating Election on March 3, 2015, to elect the Members of the Los Angeles City Council, Members of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Members of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District and to possibly place ballot measures before the voters; and

WHEREAS, portions of Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District elections overlap the boundaries of the Exhibit I cities as well as the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park; and

WHEREAS, to improve voter participation, it is desirable to consolidate the Primary Nominating Election with the Municipal Elections of the Exhibit I cities, and the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park, with respect to those portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District and/or the Los Angeles Community College District that overlap their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, to enhance voter convenience and improve the administration of the consolidated elections, it is desirable that the precincts, polling places, election officers, voting hours, and vote by mail procedures of the elections be the same; and for the City Clerks of the Exhibit I cities and the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles conducting the election for the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park to canvass the returns of the election for those portions of Los Angeles Unified School District and/or the Los Angeles Community College District that are within their boundaries; and that the consolidated elections be held in all respects as if there were only one election; and

WHEREAS, cost savings will result from the consolidation and sharing of costs of these elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the requirements of California Elections Code Sections 10400 through 10418 and Los Angeles City Election Code Section 105, the City Councils of the Exhibit I cities and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are requested to consent and agree to





consolidate the City's Primary Nominating Election, with respect to those portions of the Los Angeles Unified School District and/or the Los Angeles Community College District which are within the boundaries of the Exhibit I cities and the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park, with the cities' Municipal Elections to be held on March 3, 2015; and that the elections shall be held in those cities in all respects as if there were only one election, except as noted in Section 2 below. The precincts, polling places, officers of election, ballots and canvassing procedures and all other conditions for this portion of the Primary Nominating Election shall be the same as those provided by those cities for their Municipal Elections.

Section 2. The procedures for filing and qualifying Primary Nominating Election candidates and ballot measures for inclusion in the election shall be governed by the Los Angeles City Charter and Election Code and the Los Angeles City Clerk is directed to transmit the qualifying process, without delay, for inclusion in their official and sample ballots and other election related voter information materials.

Section 3. The City Clerks of the Exhibit I cities and the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles are authorized to canvass the returns of that portion of the Primary Nominating Election which is requested to be consolidated with the Municipal Elections of the Exhibit I cities and the cities of Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park, and those City Clerks and the County Registrar-Recorder are further requested to complete the portion of the canvass relating to the Primary Nominating Election within 21 days of the date of the consolidated election.

Section 4. The City Councils of the Exhibit I cities and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles are requested to issue instructions to their City Clerks and the County Registrar-Recorder, respectively to take any and all steps necessary to hold the consolidated election.

Section 5. The City of Los Angeles agrees to reimburse the Exhibit I cities the proportionate share of the costs for conducting the consolidated election. Any costs associated with the conduct of the Bell, Cudahy and Huntington Park elections will be directly reimbursed by Los Angeles Community College District and will have no fiscal impact on the City. This agreement does not affect the obligation of the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District to reimburse the City of Los Angeles for the overall conduct of the Primary Nominating Election.

Section 6. Should any of the Exhibit I cities or the County of Los Angeles choose not to consolidate the Primary Nominating Election with the Municipal Elections conducted by those cities and the County, the Los Angeles City Clerk is directed to conduct the Primary Nominating Election in that city as required.

Section 7. The Los Angeles City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and file a certified copy thereof with the City Councils of the Exhibit I cities and with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.



I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

Holly Wolcott, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

Council File No: \_\_\_\_\_



## EXHIBIT I

### CITIES HOLDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 3, 2015

NAME OF CITY		LAUSD*	LACCD**
1.	Beverly Hills	yes	yes
2.	Carson	yes	yes
3.	Commerce	yes	yes
4.	Gardena	yes	yes
5.	Monterey Park	yes	yes
6.	Palos Verdes Estates	yes	yes
7.	Rolling Hills	no	yes
8.	San Fernando	no	yes
9.	San Gabriel	no	yes
10.	South Gate	no	yes
11.	West Hollywood	yes	yes

\* Los Angeles Unified School District

\*\* Los Angeles Community College District

Note: LACCD conducts elections at large; therefore, four Board of Trustee office elections, for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7, will be conducted in each jurisdiction for LACCD.

