

City of Hayward
Notice of Measure to be Voted Upon at the
November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election and Deadline for Filing Ballot Arguments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Hayward on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, to be consolidated with the Presidential General Election. The City Council proposes on its own motion, Resolution No. 20-126, for the purpose of submitting the following Hayward Charter Amendments Ballot Measure___, as introduced by Mayor Halliday, to the voters of the City of Hayward:

BALLOT QUESTION

To create more opportunities for residents to volunteer, and to honor Hayward’s commitment to diversity, shall the Charter of the City of Hayward be amended to eliminate the requirement of being a qualified elector/registered voter to serve on City Council-appointed advisory commissions, and shall the Charter be amended to eliminate gender-based designations and titles and instead use neutral, gender-free designations and titles?

SYNOPSIS OF THE MEASURE

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The following Charter amendments are proposed by the City Council, on its own motion, to be submitted to the voters of the City of Hayward at the Presidential General Election to be held November 3, 2020:

1. Proposed Charter amendment providing for the modification of Section 900 by eliminating as a criterion for service on the Council’s appointed boards, commissions, committees, task forces and similar advisory bodies that an applicant be a qualified elector/registered voter. This criterion would be replaced with a requirement the applicant be a resident of the City.

TEXT OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

The City Council proposes that Section 900 of the Hayward City Charter be amended to read in full as follows:

SECTION 900. IN GENERAL.

There shall be the boards and commissions enumerated in this Article which shall have the powers and duties stated herein. The number of members to comprise any board or commission shall be determined by ordinance or resolution of the Council. No member of any board or commission shall be a member of any other board or commission or hold any paid office or employment, in the City Government. ~~In order to be eligible for any appointment to any board or commission, a person shall be a qualified elector of the City.~~ An applicant for any appointment to any board or commission shall be a resident of the City but need not be a qualified elector.

In addition, the Council may create by ordinance or resolution such boards or commissions as in its judgment are required and may grant to them such powers and duties as are consistent with the provisions of this Charter.

2. Proposed Charter amendment providing for the elimination of gender-specific designations and titles and their replacement with neutral, non-gender specific designations and titles.

TEXT OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

The City Council proposes that the Hayward City Charter be amended in its entirety to replace gender-specific designations and titles with neutral, non-gender specific designations and titles. The complete text of the measure is available on the City's website at <https://www.hayward-ca.gov/your-government/elections>. To receive a copy, please contact (510) 583-4400 or email cityclerk@hayward-ca.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN by the City Clerk, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9285 and 9286 of the Elections Code of the State of California, that the following deadlines are hereby established as the final dates on which arguments and rebuttal arguments for and against the measure appearing on the ballot for the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020, may be submitted to the City Clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as required by law:

Deadline for Filing Primary Arguments: 12:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Deadline for Filing Rebuttal Arguments: 12:00 P.M., Friday, August 21, 2020

Primary Arguments, not to exceed 300 words in length, and Rebuttal Arguments, not to exceed 250 words in length, are to be submitted to the City Clerk, 777 B Street, Hayward, on or before the deadlines. Submitted arguments are kept confidential until after the filing deadline. Arguments cannot be changed after the deadline.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that there shall be set a ten-calendar day examination period for public review of said Arguments. During this time, any registered voter of the election jurisdiction, or the elections official, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The review period for Arguments is as follows: Primary Arguments review commences August 11, 2020 and ends August 21, 2020; Rebuttal Arguments review commences August 21, 2020 and ends August 31, 2020. The review period for the Impartial Analysis commences on August 11, 2020 and ends August 21, 2020.

Information regarding the election and measures is available on the City's website at <https://www.hayward-ca.gov/your-government/elections>. For additional information call (510) 583-4400 or email cityclerk@hayward-ca.gov

On Election Day, November 3, 2020, the polls will be open from 7 AM through 8 PM.

Dated: July 31, 2020
Miriam Lens, City Clerk
City of Hayward