

CITY OF CERRITOS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS FOR THE MARCH 2, 2027 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION A PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATING TO A CHANGE OF THE CITY'S ESTABLISHED GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL MAYORAL TRANSITION DATES

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority provided by the Cerritos City Charter and the California Constitution, Article XI and the Government Code, Title 4, Division 2, Chapter 2 (commencing at Section 34450) and the California Elections Code Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 3 (commencing at Section 9255) of the State of California, the City Council of the City of Cerritos desires to submit to the voters a proposed Charter amendment relating to a **"Change of the general municipal election date and related, conforming amendments;"** and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized and directed by statute to submit the proposed Charter amendment to the voters; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 2026-37 establishes the procedures for the conduct of the Tuesday, March 2, 2027 Cerritos General Municipal Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the California Constitution, Article XI and the Government Code, Title 4, Division 2, Chapter 2 (commencing at Section 34450) and the California Elections Code Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 3 (commencing at Section 9255), there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Cerritos, California, on Tuesday, March 2, 2027, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of submitting the following proposed Charter amendment:

Shall the Cerritos City Charter be amended to move the established general municipal election date to November of each even-numbered year, consolidated with the Statewide general election, commencing Tuesday, November 7, 2028; and to adjust the date of the annual Mayoral selection and date of Councilmember term commencement, to align with this new election schedule, and make conforming amendments relating thereto?	YES
	NO

SECTION 2. That the proposed full text of the Charter amendment submitted to the voters is provided as Attachment A.

SECTION 3. The ballot question and Charter amendment shall be adopted only if affirmatively approved by no less than a simple majority (no less than 50% + 1 vote) of the votes cast by the electorate on this ballot measure.

SECTION 4. The Cerritos City Clerk/Elections Official and authorized designee(s) are hereby authorized to oversee and conduct the Tuesday, March 2, 2027 Cerritos General

Municipal Election in accordance with the Charter of the City of Cerritos, Ordinance No. 1042, Resolution No. 2026-37, and applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 5. The notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby given, and the City Clerk/Elections Official is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form, and manner as required by law.

SECTION 7. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution. In furtherance of the foregoing, it is the expressed intent that, if any provision of this Resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of law, the remainder of this Resolution, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall remain enforceable.

SECTION 8. 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 28th day of September, 2026.

ATTEST:



Cynthia Nava
City Clerk/Elections Official



Lynda Provide Johnson
Mayor

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER

*Text proposed for amendment in the City Charter is listed in **red font**, with additions in **bold italics** and deletions in ~~strikethrough italics~~.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Section 404. CITY COUNCIL, PRESIDING OFFICER, MAYOR.

(a) Commencing in ~~2026~~ **2028**, on the second Wednesday of ~~April~~ **December**, following the adoption of any certified general ~~or special~~ municipal election results by which any council member is declared elected, **and annually on the same day in non-election years**, the City Council shall meet and shall elect one of its members as its presiding officer, who shall have the title of Mayor. ***If at any other time the Mayor's seat is vacated, the City Council shall meet and elect one of its members as its presiding officer, who shall have the title of Mayor, at the next regular City Council meeting or call a special meeting to be held for such purpose.*** The Mayor shall have a voice and vote in all its proceedings. The Mayor shall be the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes. The Mayor shall also act in a liaison capacity between the City Council and the City Manager, and in such capacity shall advise the City Manager on matters of Council policy. The Mayor shall perform such other duties consistent with the office as may be prescribed by this Charter or as may be imposed by the City Council. The Mayor shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the City Council.

(b) MAYOR PRO TEMPORE. The City Council shall also designate one of its members as Mayor Pro Tempore, who shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the City Council. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of the Mayor during an absence or disability.

(As amended by Cerritos voters at the following election(s): March 4, 2025, April 12, 2022)

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS

Section 800. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

General municipal elections for the election of officers and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe shall be held in the City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in ~~March~~ **November** of each ~~odd~~ **even**-numbered year. ***General municipal elections shall be consolidated with the Statewide general election.*** ~~The date for the election was established by ordinance of the City Council, pursuant to the provisions of this Charter in effect at the time of the said ordinance adoption.~~ Any ~~subsequent~~ change to the general municipal election date shall require voter approval. A change in the date of the general municipal election may change the length of a term of office, but only to the extent required to accommodate that change of date, and subject to the limitation that as a result of any Charter amendment effecting a change in date of an election, no term of office shall be increased or decreased by more than twelve months; thereafter, such terms of office shall be of such length as is otherwise provided by law.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CERRITOS)

I, Cynthia Nava, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing **Resolution No. 2026-40** was duly approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a Regular Meeting held on the 28th day of September, 2026, and that it was so adopted as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers - Hong, Tse, Yokoyama, Johnson, Pulido
NOES: Councilmembers - None
ABSENT: Councilmembers - None
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers - None

DATED: September 28, 2026



Cynthia Nava, City Clerk