

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

MEASURE L

City of Cerritos Ballot Measure Changing the Current General Municipal Election Date, and Conforming Amendments Relating Thereto

The Cerritos City Council has placed Measure L on the March 2, 2027 ballot to ask the City's voters to amend the Cerritos City Charter by: (i) changing the date of the City's general municipal election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years and consolidating with the Statewide general election, and (ii) making conforming amendments, including the Mayor selection date.

Measure L would amend Section 800 [General Municipal Elections] to provide that the City's general municipal election to elect City Council Members will be changed from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd-numbered years to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years. Measure L will also consolidate the City's general municipal election with the Statewide general election occurring at the same time in November of even-numbered years.

Measure L would also amend Section 404 [City Council, Presiding Officer, Mayor] to provide that the annual selection of the Mayor will be changed from the second Wednesday of April to the second Wednesday of December of each year. Starting in 2028 on the second Wednesday of December of each year, the City Council will select one of its Members to be the Mayor and presiding officer. Measure L will also add that if the Mayor's seat is vacated at any other time, the City Council will select another one of its Member to be the Mayor and presiding officer, at the next regular City Council meeting or call a special meeting for such purpose.

Measure L will shorten the terms of City Council Members elected in the March 2025 and March 2027 City's general municipal elections by approximately four (4) months each.

A "YES" vote on Measure L is a vote in favor of the proposed Charter amendments to change the City's general municipal election date. A "NO" vote on Measure L is a vote against the proposed Charter amendments to change the City's general municipal election date. Measure L takes effect if approved by a majority (50% + 1) of those voting on the Measure.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure L. If you desire a copy of the full text of the Measure, please call the Office of the Cerritos City Clerk/ Elections Official at (562) 916-1248 or email election2027@cerritos.gov and a copy will be mailed or transmitted at no cost to you.