

## List of Potential Options to Synchronize General Municipal Elections with Statewide General Elections by March or November 2022

### March Options

**Option 1.** Beginning March 2022, synchronize with statewide election in March of each even-numbered year, **increasing** City officeholder terms of office by 9 months.

|                      | Beg of Term | End of Regular Term | New End of Term |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Three Councilmembers | 6/2017      | 6/2021              | 3/2022          |
| Two Councilmembers   | 6/2019      | 6/2023              | 3/2024          |

**Option 2.** Beginning March 2020, synchronize with statewide election in March of each even-numbered year, **increasing** City officeholder terms of office by 9 months (for those elected in 2015).

|                      | Beg of Term | End of Regular Term | New End of Term |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Two Councilmembers   | 3/2015      | 6/2019              | 3/2020          |
| Three Councilmembers | 6/2017      | 6/2021              | 3/2022          |

Should the City Council choose the option of synchronizing in March 2020, it needs to be taken into account that the primary election administered by the Los Angeles County will be at the same time on the same day, and the City would be in the same situation as in the last election of 2017 (two ballots, two polling places on the same day, etc). If this option selected, it would be recommended to consolidate with the County for the next election.

### November Options

**Option 3.** Beginning November 2018, synchronize with statewide elections in November of each even-numbered year, **reducing** Officeholder terms of office by 7 months.

|                      | Beg of Term | End of Term | New End of Term |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Two Councilmembers   | 3/2015      | 6/2019      | 11/2018         |
| Three Councilmembers | 6/2017      | 6/2021      | 11/2020         |

**Option 4.** Beginning November 2020, synchronize with statewide elections in November of each even-numbered year for 2 Councilmembers, **reducing** Officeholder terms of office by 7 months. Please note, election will be held June 2019 for three officeholders, and their term would be reduced by 7 months.

|                      | Beg of Term | End of Term | New End of Term |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Three Councilmembers | 6/2017      | 6/2021      | 11/2020         |
| Two Councilmembers   | 6/2019      | 6/2023      | 11/2022         |

**Option 5.** Beginning November 2022, synchronize with statewide elections in November of each even-numbered year, **reducing** City Officeholder terms of office by 7 months.

|                      | Beg of Term | End of Regular Term | Regular Term of Office** | New End of Term |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Two Councilmembers   | 3/2015      | 6/2019              | 6/2019 - 6/2023          | 11/2022         |
| Three Councilmembers | 6/2017      | 6/2021              | 6/2021 - 6/2025          | 11/2024         |

## **Two Step process: In order to synchronize with the November Option**

### **Option 6.**

**Step 1.** Beginning **March 2022**, synchronize with statewide election in March of each even-numbered year, **increasing** City officeholder terms of office by 9 months.

|                      | <b>Beg of Term</b> | <b>End of Regular Term</b> | <b>New End of Term</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Three Councilmembers | 6/2017             | 6/2021                     | 3/2022                 |
| Two Councilmembers   | 6/2019             | 6/2023                     | 3/2024                 |

**Step 2. In 2026** move the date of election from March to November, increasing City officeholder terms of office by 5 months in order to increase voter turnout (November election average voter turnout is 50% and March primary election voter turnout is 21%).

|                      | <b>Beg of Term</b> | <b>End of Regular Term</b> | <b>New End of Term</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Three Councilmembers | 3/2022             | 3/2026                     | 11/2026                |
| Two Councilmembers   | 3/2024             | 3/2028                     | 11/2028                |

It is important to note that the City would be in compliance with the requirements of Senate Bill 415 following the completion of Step 1. Step 2 is only necessary if the City Council desires to hold its elections in November rather than March.

**The election dates would be: 06/2019; 3/2022; 3/2024; and 11/2026**