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★ PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION ★
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

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Note: This pamphlet contains only information on ballot measures pertaining to the City of Los Angeles. It is not a sample ballot. You will receive your sample ballot with polling place location from the Los Angeles County Registrar - Recorder.

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VOTER INFORMATION

The County of Los Angeles is conducting the June 7, 2022 Primary Nominating Election.

For information concerning the election, such as polling place locations, please contact the County Registrar-Recorder at (800) 815-2666 or visit their website at www.lavote.gov



The next page contains the simplified version of the City's ballot measure. The full text of this measure, along with other information, is printed after the Ballot Summary (see TABLE OF CONTENTS Page).



CITY OF LOS ANGELES CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

TITLE:

COMPETITIVE BID PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL CONTRACT BIDDERS.

THE ISSUE:

Shall the Charter be amended to allow the City, on a competitive bid contract, to award a bid preference to a bidder located in the City of Los Angeles?

THE SITUATION:

The Charter provides that competitive bid City contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The Charter allows the City to provide a bid preference, but limits the award of a bid preference to a bidder located in California or Los Angeles County. The Charter currently does not provide for the City to award a bid preference to a bidder located in the City of Los Angeles.

THE PROPOSAL:

The measure would:

- Allow the City to award a bid preference to a bidder located in the City of Los Angeles on a competitive bid City contract.

A YES VOTE MEANS:

You want to allow the City, on a competitive bid City contract, to award a preference to a bidder located in the City of Los Angeles.

A NO VOTE MEANS:

You do not want to allow the City, on a competitive bid City contract, to award a preference to a bidder located in the City of Los Angeles.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS MEASURE BEGINS ON PAGE 11.



BB COMPETITIVE BID PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL CONTRACT BIDDERS. CHARTER AMENDMENT BB.

Shall the City Charter be amended to allow the City, on a competitive bid contract, to award a bid preference to a bidder located in the City of Los Angeles?

IMPARTIAL SUMMARY BY SHARON M. TSO, CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

City Charter Section 371 provides that competitively bid City contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Section 371(a) allows the City to provide a bid preference to a bidder located in California or Los Angeles County. A bid preference would provide an advantage at contracting with the City.

Currently, the Charter does not allow the City to award an additional bid preference to a firm that is located in the City of Los Angeles.

The measure on the ballot would amend the Charter to allow the City to award a bid preference to a firm located in the City of Los Angeles.

The City Council and Mayor would be authorized to enact ordinances regarding the extent and nature of the bid preference and policies for its implementation.

This measure will become effective if approved by a majority of voters.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT BY MATTHEW W. SZABO, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

This measure will allow the City of Los Angeles to award a competitive bid preference to City located businesses bidding on City contracts. Currently, the City may award a competitive bid preference to businesses that occupy work space within the County of Los Angeles. Through this measure, the City may narrow the competitive bid preference eligibility to businesses located within the City of Los Angeles. Narrowing the eligibility may result in more City located businesses awarded competitively bid contracts. However, the final selection of a business for a contract award will continue to depend on a comprehensive evaluation of each bid with respect to cost, experience, and other contract requirements. Contract awards are also subject to budgeted resources. Since businesses located within the City of Los Angeles are already eligible for a competitive bid preference, no substantial net change in the City's finances will result if the measure is adopted.



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

CHARTER AMENDMENT BB would amend the Los Angeles City Charter to ADD “City of Los Angeles” to the Charter’s definition of “local”, thereby allowing the City to award an additional scoring preference for businesses located in the City of Los Angeles when bidding on City contracts.

Los Angeles is one of the ten most expensive places in the country to do business, creating a climate in which businesses are forced to compete against firms from neighboring cities with lower business costs.

In FY 2018-19, the last full fiscal year before the COVID-19 Pandemic, seven percent, or one in fifteen local business enterprise contracts went to City of LA businesses as a result of the City’s Local Business Preference Program. Those businesses only secured one-quarter of one percent, or \$96,000 out of more than \$41.5M in potential contracting dollars.

This Measure proposes to level that playing field.

The LA City Charter allows for a bid preference for businesses seeking contracts with the City that are “local”, with the term “local” defined to include businesses located in the County of Los Angeles or the State of California.

This means that businesses in the City of Los Angeles – paying City of LA wages, rents, insurance and business tax – receive the same point preference on contracting bids as a business operating in Alhambra, Lancaster, Santa Clarita or Torrance.

CHARTER AMENDMENT BB would amend the City Charter to add “City of Los Angeles” to the definition of “local”, thereby allowing the City to provide an additional scoring preference for businesses located in the City of LA.

In advance of large regional and global events like the World Cup and 2028 Olympics, this will help bring local businesses into regional supply chains and create much needed economic growth and jobs.

VOTE YES ON CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

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PERSONS SIGNING ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

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REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

VOTE NO for Amendment BB

Why didn't the City Council vote in the Local Business definitions in the Council file 10-2414-S1 in 2010, and then allow it to expire in 2015? The Council began defining a local business and dropped it 5 years later.

In 2011, USC Professor Charles Swenson report on Local Vendor Preferences (https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2016/16-0992%20misc_09-02-2016.pdf) wrote the City of Los Angeles spends \$1,112,589,290 annually and only 16.22% is spent on City of Los Angeles firms.

The argument for this amendment says in "FY2018-2019 local businesses secured one-quarter of one percent or \$96,000.00 out of \$41.5M in potential contracting dollars."

This commerce is key to the health of the City of Los Angeles, get it right. Voters and businesses should not vote without specifics or definitions that detail what constitutes a City of Los Angeles business or what contracts these local businesses can bid on, provide a proposal for, or qualify for. No wiggle room should be allowed.

PERSONS SIGNING REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

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Taxpayer

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ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

VOTE NO – This amendment BB lacks specifics needed to support City of Los Angeles businesses.

Why is a Charter amendment vote required now, when these local business preferences for contracts have been granted and changed by ordinance, without citizen approval?

In August, 2021, an ordinance (187121) regarding local business preference for contracts, repealed two articles and amended one article in the Charter. This ordinance on local business preferences was 9 pages, and did not require that the voters decide.

The City of Los Angeles was not specifically included in last year's 187121 ordinance as the City of Los Angeles is in the County of Los Angeles, nor was it included in the older ordinance for local business preference. Are the voters now told, with this requested amendment, that the City of Los Angeles businesses have not received any preference for decades?

The latest change (resolution) requesting the vote of the Los Angeles citizens, now includes the City of Los Angeles, but does not have specifics. Could it be because it says bid preference "can be allowed" and that "any standards, definitions and policies for their implementation shall be provided by ordinance"?

More oversight, percentages tracked on contract preferences advertised and filled, with dollars awarded, auditing and reporting of local City of Los Angeles contract preference awarded, is required to fully recognize the development and growth of businesses in the City of Los Angeles.

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REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

An amendment to the Los Angeles City Charter IS REQUIRED to give businesses in the City of LA an ADDITIONAL scoring preference when bidding on City contracts.

The Ordinance referred to in the opposing argument only establishes preference percentages for local businesses. It does not and cannot change the fact that businesses located in the City of Los Angeles still receive no greater scoring preference than those located elsewhere in LA County.

Policies, programs, and positions may be adopted by motion or resolution and the City's municipal and administrative codes may be amended by ordinance. But ONLY Sec. 371a of the City Charter grants the authority to provide a bid preference, and ONLY Los Angeles City voters can amend the City Charter.

This Measure is good for local businesses and good for the residents of Los Angeles.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

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New provisions or language added to the Charter or to existing Charter sections are shown in underline type; words deleted from the Charter or from existing Charter sections are shown in ~~strikeout~~ type.

CHARTER AMENDMENT BB

Section 1. Subsection (a) of Section 371 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles is amended to read as follows:

Competitive Bidding. Except as provided in subsection (e) below, the City shall not be, and is not, bound by any contract unless the officer, board or employee authorized to contract has complied with the procedure for competitive bidding or submission of proposals established by this section and ordinance.

Contracts shall be let to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder furnishing satisfactory security for performance. This determination may be made on the basis of the lowest ultimate cost of the items in place and use. Where the items are to constitute a part of a larger project or undertaking, consideration may be given to the effect on the aggregate ultimate cost of the project or undertaking. Notwithstanding the provision of this subsection requiring award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, a bid preference can be allowed in the letting of contracts for California, or Los Angeles County, or City of Los Angeles firms, and the bid specifications can provide for a domestic content and recycled content requirement. The extent and nature of the bid preference, domestic content, and recycled content requirement and any standards, definitions, and policies for their implementation shall be provided by ordinance.






Voter Bill of Rights

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS

- 1. The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - ★ a U.S. citizen living in California
 - ★ at least 18 years old
 - ★ registered where you currently live
 - ★ Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
 - ★ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2. The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.**

You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3. The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4. The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5. The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot,
 - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or
 - Vote using a provisional ballot.**
- 6. The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7. The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
- 8. The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9. The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10. The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

 -  On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
 -  By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
 -  By email at elections@sos.ca.gov



Information for Voters with Special Needs

Accessibility and other assisted devices.....800-815-2666, Option 7 (LA County Hotline)

LA County polling places provide for wheelchair accessibility and/or curbside voting. Inside the polling place you may find devices to assist you in your voting experience. For more information, please contact Los Angeles County, the Administrator of the City's June 7, 2022 Primary Nominating Election.

Audio Recordings (213) 978-0444



Audio equipment is available at your polling place to assist you.

Audio recordings of the measure included in this booklet are available in English, Armenian, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. These recordings are available on our website: **clerk.lacity.org/clerk-services/elections/municipal-elections** by clicking on the "Measure(s) on the Ballot" box and at the following locations:

Braille Institute Library
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(323) 660-3880

Central Library
630 West 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 228-7000

Voters may also request a copy of the audio recordings from our office:

Office of the City Clerk-Election Division
Attn: Audio Recordings
555 Ramirez Street, Space 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

TTY Phone Number (213) 473-3231

A TTY phone number is provided for voters who are hearing impaired.

Language Assistance (800) 994-8683

The City also provides voting materials in Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.



Election Date Reminder

Election Day is Tuesday, June 7th

June 2022						
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Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close 8:00 p.m.



Voter's Notes

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