

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE ____
A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCES TO THE
ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE ALHAMBRA
CHARTER

On January 15, 2020, the Alhambra Unified School District ("AUSD") requested that reference to the AUSD be removed from the Alhambra City Charter. The AUSD elections are currently governed by the City's Charter, notwithstanding that the boundaries of the School District and the City are not the same. The Charter requires that the members of the School Board be nominated by district and elected at large. AUSD has expressed an intent to switch to election of board members by district. However, because virtually all school district board elections in the State are governed by provisions of the State Education Code and the California Elections Code, the AUSD is requesting that the Charter be amended to eliminate reference to the AUSD so that AUSD board elections will be governed in the same manner that most districts throughout the State are governed. This will also give the AUSD flexibility to change aspects of their election in the future consistent with the requirements of State law without having to go through the charter amendment process.

Additionally, there are some provisions of the Charter relating to the school district that are obsolete or have been superseded by relevant provisions of the Education Code. The AUSD has requested these be deleted as well.

At the April 27, 2020 City Council meeting, the City Council directed that the City Attorney draft a Charter Amendment ordinance to submit to the voters based upon the AUSD request.

Charter section 84 requires that matters pertaining to the AUSD be submitted to the voters within the AUSD, so this proposed charter amendment will be submitted to the AUSD voters.

Measure ____ requires a simple majority voter approval (50% plus 1 vote).

A "yes" vote is a vote in favor of amending the Charter.

A "no" vote is a vote against amending the Charter.

Joseph Montes
Alhambra City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure ____ . If you desire a copy of the proposed ordinance, please call the Alhambra City Clerk at (626) 570-5090 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

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