



MAYOR **REX RICHARDSON**

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Date: August 13, 2024
To: Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Rex Richardson
Subject: **Argument Writers for November 2024 Ballot Measures**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve Mayor's designees as argument writers for the Long Beach ballot measures appearing on the November 5, 2024, California Statewide General Election ballot.

DISCUSSION

Per Long Beach Municipal Code 1.24.020, the Mayor is submitting designations for argument writers as follows:

Repeal the exemption from the Gas Utility Users Tax for charges made for gas to be used in the generation of electrical energy by an electrical corporation or governmental agency.

For:

*Laura L. Doud
Sona Coffee
Seward Khem
Christopher Chavez
Jamie Shuford

Against:

None Submitted

Charter amendment to consolidate Civil Service and Human Resources Departments into one unified hiring department, establish an independent Civil Service Employee Rights and Appeals Commission and implement classified hiring preferences.

For:

*Yvonne Wheeler
Dr. Juan M. Benitez
Isaac Julian
Rich Chambers
Gary Hytrek

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Against:

*Michael McDonald
Bazella C. McDonald
Ian Patton
James Marks
Herman Long

Charter amendment to modify the length of terms for Harbor and Public Utilities Commissioners to three (3) terms of four (4) years; transfer authority over Harbor Department employment, excepting a Board-appointed Chief Operating Officer, Executive Officer to the Board, and Board staff, from the Harbor Commission to the Chief Executive Officer (who the Board will continue to employ and appoint); and formally align the Harbor Department's annual budget timeline to the City's fiscal year of October 1 to September 30.

For:

*Mario Cordero
Sharon L. Weissman

Against:

*Ian Patton

Writers marked with an asterisk (*) are lead argument writers and have final say in approving arguments.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to this item.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rex Richardson, Mayor