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February 12, 2015

Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council submits the following Letter of Support regarding Charter Amendment 1 & 2.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council supports a change to the Los Angeles City Charter regarding Charter Amendments 1 & 2; a one time adjustment to align terms with new election dates by 2020 for both the City of L.A. and LAUSD.

Voter participation is the bedrock and guiding principle of our Democracy and of our Founding Fathers efforts. With L.A. County having the largest population in the State, and historically the lowest voter participation, we, the AVNC, believe that holding City & School elections aligned with Federal & State elections, voter turnout will increase and we will have policy issues more reflective of the general public's desires. We are fully aware that this change will place City & School proposals at the bottom of a crowded ballot, and that an extension of 18 months will occur for our City Council members, but we also expect to reduce voter fatigue, thus increasing voter participation, which is the ultimate goal of these amendments.

This Letter of Support is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on February 12, 2015; the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has adopted the following motion by a vote of ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstentions, and has directed that this Letter of Support be filed with the City Clerk's office reflecting its position.

Motion by Sergio Lambarri: "I move that the AVNC approve a Letter of Support regarding the Los Angeles City Charter Amendments 1 & 2."

Seconded by:



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The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council submits the following Letter of Opposition regarding Charter Amendment 1 & 2.

LETTER OF OPPOSITION

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council opposes a change to the Los Angeles City Charter regarding Charter Amendments 1 & 2; a one time adjustment to align terms with new election dates by 2020 for both the City of L.A. and LAUSD.

Voter participation is the bedrock and guiding principle of our Democracy and of our Founding Fathers efforts. By removing control of our City elections and placing it under the control of L.A. County we will no longer have the opportunity to focus on our City or School Board representatives, nor will we have the opportunity to adjust our voting preference in the future. Before permanently releasing control of the City's voting system is undertaken we advise that other, less radical solutions be investigated and studied, such as: voter holidays, expanded use of vote by mail, and aligning odd year voting dates with those of even year voting dates. We believe that these and other suggestions can and will increase voter participation which is touted as the ultimate goal of these amendments.

This Letter of Opposition is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on February 12, 2015; the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has adopted the following motion by a vote of ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstentions, and has directed that this Letter of Opposition be filed with the City Clerk's office reflecting its position.

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