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The City of Los Alamitos Proposes Government Accountability and Transparency Ballot Measure

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – July 25, 2024 – On July 22, 2024, the Los Alamitos City Council approved a resolution for a ballot measure aimed at enhancing government efficiency and addressing the community's ever-changing needs. The proposed measure offers several key changes, including enhancing public works purchasing authority, establishing district term limits for city council members, updating language related to district elections, placing campaign contribution limits on those seeking city council office, and requiring public filing and disclosure of lobbyist activities in the City.

Currently, all public works contracts involving an expenditure of \$10,000 or more must be awarded by the City Council. The proposed measure seeks to increase this threshold to \$125,000. Established in 1966, the current public works limit requires City Council approval of even minor projects like fixing potholes or repairing storm-damaged infrastructure.

This measure also includes updating the language for district term limits. Currently, city council members can serve up to three consecutive terms, after which they must step down for a minimum of 365 days. The proposed change would delineate term limits as district-specific and increase the cooling-off period to one year. The measure also clarifies that the three-term limit applies to consecutive service in any one district, or a combination of multiple districts. This means a city council member could not circumvent the limit by moving between districts. This adjustment aims to increase voter choice within each district while balancing the overall philosophy of term limit restrictions.

In addition, the measure proposes a \$500 limit on campaign contributions to city council candidates (below the State imposed limit of \$5,500). The charter amendment will also mandate complete disclosures and the filing of transparency paperwork in accordance with the laws and regulations of the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

The charter amendment would require lobbyists attempting to influence City decisions to register with the City Clerk. Further, the City Council will adopt policies and procedures to address lobbying.

All registered voters in Orange County will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. You can cast your vote on the Los Alamitos City Government Accountability, Transparency, Charter

Reform Measure at any Orange County voting center or mail in your ballot. For more information about voting in Orange County, please visit www.ocvote.gov/.

For more information about the Los Alamitos City Government, Accountability, Transparency Charter Reform Measure visit www.CityofLosAlamitos.org/CharterAmendments.

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