On August 6, 2024, the City Council unanimously adopted a Resolution which approved placing three items on the November 5, 2024 ballot. These items include two Charter Amendments and one Tax Measure for a total of three ballot measures.

Measure JB

Measure JB proposes to combine the Civil Service and Human Resources Departments into one unified hiring department, operated within the Department of Human Resources and reporting to the City Manager, to manage all employee recruitment and hiring, and classified employee certifications. Human Resources currently only manages the hiring and recruitment of unclassified employees. The Measure would implement classified hiring preferences for Long Beach residents, students from local colleges and universities, current employees, and certain internships and apprenticeships, unless prohibited by federal, state or local law and/or funding sources, including but not limited to funds and revenues derived from tidelands. The Measure would eliminate the current Civil Service Commission and establish a new independent Civil Service Employee Rights and Appeals Commission ("Commission") composed of five residents of the City to resolve complaints regarding Civil Service rules and the classified service hiring process, rule on appeals by classified employees of industrial retirement determinations and adjudicate classified employee disciplinary appeals. The Commission could conduct investigations concerning the enforcement of the rules adopted regarding employee disciplinary appeals and would receive an annual report on hiring in the City.

You can read the City Attorney's impartial analysis on Measure JB here, and the Measure JB FAQ here.

Measure LB

The second measure, Measure LB, would do two things; first it would remove the exemption from the City of Long Beach's Gas Utility User Tax ordinance for "charges made for gas to be used in the generation of electrical energy by an electrical corporation or governmental agency". This would change existing law by removing this exclusion which is presently applied to two natural gas fueled electric power plants in the City that exempts them from paying the same 5% utility tax as do residents and businesses of the City of Long Beach. Second, it would add conforming amendments consistent with the governing 5% Gas Utility User Tax rate set forth in the Long Beach Municipal Code resulting from voters' approval of Measure J in 2000.

You can read the City Attorney's impartial analysis on Measure LB here, and the Measure LB FAQ here.

Measure HC

The third measure, Measure HC, proposes to amend the Long Beach City Charter at Section 508, relating to the length of terms members of the Board of Harbor Commissioners and Public Utilities Commissioners may serve; Section 1203, relating to the powers and duties of the members of the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Executive Director of the Harbor Department; and Section 1210, relating to the date the City Council approves the annual budget of the Harbor Department.

You can read the City Attorney's impartial analysis on Measure HC here, and the Measure HC FAQ here.

We encourage all voters to read about these local measures and form your own opinions on them as you participate in this year's election – you can visit the City Clerk's website for impartial analysis, arguments for and against, and FAQ here.

Information on vote center and drop box locations can be found here.

The information above is designed for voter informational use only and is not intended to take any position for or against any particular measure and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney as unbiased voter information.