



DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda Item # 2

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 7, 2018

Subject: Designation of Councilmembers to submit ballot arguments

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Attachment(s): None

Initiated by:
Staff

Previous Council Consideration:

May 22, 2018, June 12, 2018, June 26, 2018 and July 10, 2018

Fiscal Impact:
None

Environmental Review:
Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to designate a member or members to submit arguments in favor of or against any of the City's November ballot measures?

Summary:

- The City Council may designate a member or members of the Council to submit arguments for or against any November ballot measure.

Staff Recommendation:

Designate members of the Council to submit arguments in favor of or against November 2018 ballot measures



Subject: Designation of Councilmembers to submit ballot arguments

Purpose

To designate individuals to submit ballot arguments

Background

Elections Code Section 9280 et seq. outlines the process for submitting arguments in favor of or against any ballot measure as well as rebuttal arguments. Elections Code Section 9282 indicates that the City Council may submit arguments for or against any ballot measure.

Discussion/Analysis

Arguments for or against any November 2018 ballot measure must be submitted to the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2018. Only one argument for and one argument against each measure will be printed in the voters' guide. Rebuttal arguments must be submitted to the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on August 20, 2018. No more than five signatures will appear with any argument submitted. Those submitting an argument do not need to be the same to submit any rebuttal argument.

The City Council may designate a member or members of the Council to submit arguments for or against any November ballot measure.

Options

- 1) Designate members of the Council to submit arguments for or against the November ballot measure

Advantages: Determines which Council members will submit the various arguments

Disadvantages: None identified

- 2) Do not designate members of the Council to submit arguments

Advantages: None identified

Disadvantages: None identified

Recommendation

The staff recommends Option 1.