



# CITY OF CARSON

June 13, 2016

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Attn: Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer  
Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: City of Carson November, 2016 General Municipal Election

Dear Ms. Hamai:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of the following General Municipal Election ordinance:

Ordinance. 16-1585, "A ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 5 TO THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE, REQUIRING THAT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OF THE CITY OF CARSON BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR."

Sincerely,

Donesia L. Gause, CMC  
City Clerk

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Enclosures

## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-1585**

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WHEREAS, many studies have shown that voter participation in local elections dramatically improves when local elections are held on the same day as statewide elections; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Carson, voter turnout in local elections which are now held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd numbered years is dramatically reduced from voter turnout in statewide elections held in June or November of even numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has enacted SB 415 which takes effect in 2018 and mandates changing local election dates to statewide election dates in communities where voter turnout for local elections is at least 25% less than voter turnout in statewide elections; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Carson, the difference in voter turnout for local elections is approximately 49% of the turnout for statewide elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of Elections Code 1301(b)(1), cities are authorized to change the date of their general municipal elections to coincide with the day of the statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, in order to proactively encourage and promote greater voter turnout in local elections the City of Carson wishes to take the lead among California cities by voluntarily moving its general municipal election date to the statewide election date; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that its goals of encouraging maximum voter turnout and community participation in the democratic electoral process will be promoted by changing the general municipal election date of the City from the first Tuesday after the first Monday of March in each odd-numbered year to the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in even numbered years, to coincide with the statewide general election as set forth in California Elections Code §1000; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, this change will not have the effect of reducing or extending any term of office by more than twelve months.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City of Carson general municipal election scheduled to be held in March 2017 shall not be held so that the City's election schedule may be changed to November in each even numbered year to coincide with regular statewide elections. Commencing with the general municipal election in November 2016, the general municipal elections for the City shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in each even-numbered year.

**SECTION 2.** A new Chapter 5 is added to the Carson Municipal Code to read, in its entirety, as follows:

**“GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

<b>Sections:</b>	<b>5100</b>	<b>Election dates.</b>
	<b>5101</b>	<b>Consolidation with other elections.</b>

**Section 5100. Election Dates.** The City shall hereafter hold its general municipal election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in even-numbered years.

**Section 5101 Consolidation with other elections.** If an election held pursuant to this chapter occurs on the same date as any other regular statewide election, such election may be consolidated. In the event of consolidation of elections, the provisions contained in the Elections Code pertaining to the conduct of elections shall apply.”

**SECTION 3. Certification.**

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Carson and shall cause a summary of this Ordinance to be published in accordance with Government Code Section 36933.

**SECTION 4. Transmittal to Board of Supervisors.**

The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Ordinance to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, together with the request that said Board approve this Ordinance and provide the City with notice of such approval.

**SECTION 5. Notice to Registered Voters.**

Within thirty (30) days after approval of this Ordinance by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, the City Clerk shall cause a notice to be mailed to all registered voters in the City of Carson informing them of the change in the general municipal election date and council members terms affected by this Ordinance, which notice shall be in accord with the requirements specified in Elections Code 10403.5(e).

**SECTION 6. Effective Date; Operative Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its second reading, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9235(a). This Ordinance shall become operative upon approval by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

**SECTION 7. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this chapter or part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

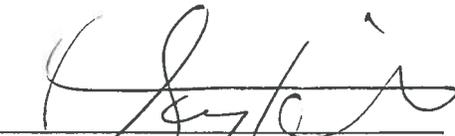
ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
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Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Donesia L. Gause

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney Sunny K. Soltani

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    ) ss.  
CITY OF CARSON                )

I, Donesia L. Gause, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing ordinance, being Ordinance No. 16-1585 passed first reading on March 15, 2016, was adopted by the City Council of said City on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Mayor Robles, Davis-Holmes, Santarina, Hilton, and Hicks
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None

  
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City Clerk Donesia L. Gause