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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS TWO PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS CHANGING THE DATE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND IMPOSING TERM LIMITS ON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the authority vested in the City Council by Sections 1001 of the City Charter, there is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Whittier, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, a Special Municipal Election for the purpose of submitting to the voters two measures:

- 1) Changing the Date of General Municipal Election from the second Tuesday in April of even-numbered years to the same date of the Statewide General Election in November of even-numbered years.
- 2) Imposing Term Limits a 12-year lifetime cap on City Council Members and Mayor.

SECTION 2. The ballot to be used for the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to coordinate with the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to procure and furnish any and all voter files, signature files, precinct files, procure agreements, supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

SECTION 4. That the City Council, pursuant to its right and authority, does order submitted to the voters at the Special Municipal Election the following questions:

"Shall the measure amending the City's charter so that the City's general municipal elections (currently held in April of each even-numbered year) are held in each even-numbered year on the same day as the November statewide general elections, be adopted?"	YES
	NO

"Shall the measure amending the City's charter to prohibit candidates from running for mayor or member of the city council if their election would result in that candidate serving more than 12 total years in elective office in the City (aside from terms of office that were elected or appointed at or prior to November 3, 2026) be adopted?"	YES
	NO

SECTION 5. That the text of the complete measure and ordinance to be submitted to the voters is attached by reference as ATTACHMENT A – Ordinance No. 3177 to the Staff Report entitled "General Municipal Election Date and Term Limits" from the June 9, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.

That the text of the complete measure and ordinance to be submitted to the voters is attached by reference as ATTACHMENT D – Ordinance No. 3178 to the Staff Report entitled "Calling for a Special Municipal Election - November 3, 2026" from the June 23, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.

SECTION 6. That the vote requirement for the measures to pass is a simple majority (50% + 1) in the affirmative of the votes cast.

SECTION 7. The voting locations for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, pursuant to Election Code § 10242, except as provided in § 14401 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

SECTION 8. In all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by the California Election Code.

SECTION 9. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give such further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 10. The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to administer said Election, conduct election outreach, and acquire election materials and software components, and that all reasonable and actual election expenses incurred by the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder's Office shall be paid by the City upon presentation of a properly submitted bill.

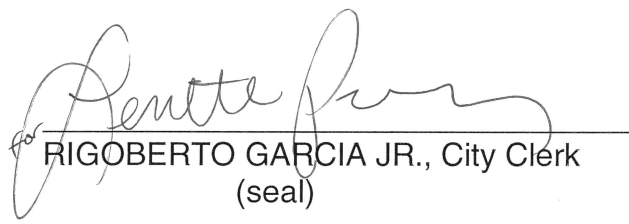
SECTION 11. The City Clerk shall provide Notice of Election pursuant to Election Code Section 12111 and shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June 2026.



JAMES E. BECERRA Mayor

ATTEST:



RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk
(seal)

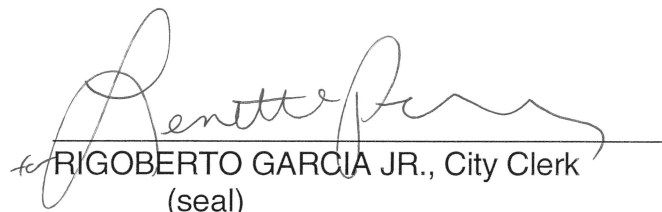
EXHIBITS:

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ATTACHMENT D – Ordinance No. 3178 to the Staff Report entitled “Calling for a Special Municipal Election - November 3, 2026” from the June 23, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-34 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Whittier at the regular meeting held on the 23rd day of June 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Council Members:	Becerra, Pacheco, Warner, Macedo, Santana
NOES:	0		
ABSTAIN:	0		
ABSENT:	0		



RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk
(seal)

ORDINANCE NO. 3177

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE TO COINCIDE WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, as required by its Charter, the City of Whittier currently holds its general municipal elections on the second Tuesday in April in each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, the statewide general election is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, voter turnout in Whittier is higher at statewide general elections than at municipal general elections; and

WHEREAS, if the date of general municipal elections is changed, the elections can be consolidated with the statewide general elections that is administered by Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the People of the City of Whittier desire to amend the City's Charter to change the dates of future municipal general elections to align with the dates of the statewide general election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1000 ("General Municipal Elections") of the Charter of the City of Whittier is hereby amended to read as follows:

General municipal elections for the election of officers and for such other purposes as the city council may prescribe shall be held in the city in each even-numbered year on the same date as the Statewide General Election. The first such general municipal election shall be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2028.

SECTION 2. It is the intent of this Ordinance that, pursuant to Section 400(A) of the Charter of the City of Whittier:

- A. The current term of the office of mayor shall be extended until the person elected mayor at the 2028 general municipal election takes office.
- B. The terms of the city council offices that were most recently elected at the 2024 general municipal election shall be extended until the persons elected to those offices at the 2028 general municipal election take office.

- C. The terms of the city council offices that were most recently elected at the 2026 general municipal election shall be extended until the persons elected to those offices at the 2030 general municipal election take office.

SECTION 3. Any provision of the Whittier Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are repealed or modified to that extent necessary to affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Whittier hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance amends the Charter of the City of Whittier. The Mayor and City Clerk shall certify that this Ordinance was submitted to the voters of the city and that it was approved by a majority vote. One copy of this Ordinance shall be recorded with the County Recorder's office and one shall be kept in the City's archive. A third copy of the charter amendment shall be submitted by the City Clerk to the Secretary of State with (1) copies of all publications and notices in connection with the calling of the election; (2) certified copies of any arguments for or against the charter proposal which were mailed to the voters; (3) a certified abstract of the vote at the election on the charter amendment. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published in the manner required by law. The charter amendment approved by this Ordinance will go into effect immediately after it has been filed and accepted by the Secretary of State.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because the proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Whittier has no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment.

ADOPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER AT THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

JAMES E. BECERRA, Mayor

ATTEST:

RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR, City Clerk
(seal)

DATE:

ORDINANCE NO. 3178

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER
TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON ELECTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier currently does not have term limits for elected officials;
and

WHEREAS, the People of the City of Whittier desire to impose 12-year term limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 401.5 (Term Limits) is added to Article IV (City Council) of
the Charter of the City of Whittier to read as follows:

Section 401.5 –Term Limits.

- A. No person shall submit nomination papers to serve as mayor or member of the city council if election to that office would result in that person serving more than 12 total years in elective office in the City. This prohibition shall apply regardless of whether the person seeks to have their name appear on the ballot or to run as a write-in candidate.
- B. For purposes of this section, “total years in elective office in the City” shall include only the following:
 - 1. Where the person is submitting nomination papers for election to a full term of office, the full term of that office.
 - 2. Where the person is submitting nomination papers for election to a partial term of office, the length of that partial term.
 - 3. Where the person is currently serving in an elective office, the lesser of (i) the length of the current full or partial term to which the person was elected or appointed and (ii) the portion of that full or partial term that will occur before the election date for the office for which the person is submitting nomination papers.
 - 4. The time actually served by the person in each full or partial term of office to which the person has been elected or appointed, where that term of office has ended or that person has otherwise left office.
- C. The following full or partial terms of office, and the time served in office during such terms, shall not be counted for purposes of Subdivision (B) of this section:
 - 1. Where the office holder was elected to the term of office at an election held on or before November 3, 2026.

2. Where the office holder was appointed to the term of office on or before November 3, 2026.
- D. For purposes of making the calculations required by Subdivision (B) of this section, the following shall be rounded to the nearest full year:
 1. The length of each full or partial term of office.
 2. The length of time actually served in a term of office.
 3. The length of the portion of a term of office that must be calculated pursuant to Subdivision (B)(3) of this section.
- E. For purposes of this section, the “elective offices of the city” are the office of mayor and the office of member of the city council.

SECTION 2. Any provision of the Whittier Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are repealed or modified to that extent necessary to affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Whittier hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

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ADOPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER AT THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER ____, 2026.

JAMES E. BECERRA, Mayor

ATTEST:

RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR, City Clerk
(seal)

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403

RECITALS

- A. The City Council of the City of Whittier called a Special Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of proposing to the voters two Charter Amendment measures.
- B. It is desirable that the Special Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General election to be held on the same date that within the city the precincts, polling places and election officers for the two elections be the same, and that the County Election Department of the County of Los Angeles canvass the returns of the Special Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are a substantial part of this resolution.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the requirements of California Elections Code Section 10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a Special Municipal Election with the Statewide General election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting two City Charter Amendment measures.

SECTION 3. That the measures to appear on the Ballot are as follows:

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE

"Shall the measure amending the City's charter so that the City's general municipal elections (currently held in April of each even-numbered year) are held in each even-numbered year on the same day as the November statewide general elections, be adopted?"	YES NO
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TERM LIMITS ON CITY COUNCIL

"Shall the measure amending the City's charter to prohibit candidates from running for mayor or member of the city council if their election would result in that candidate serving more than 12 total years in elective office in the City (aside from terms of office that were elected or appointed at or prior to November 3, 2026) be adopted?"	YES NO
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SECTION 4. The County Election Department is authorized to canvass the returns of the Special Municipal Election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide election.

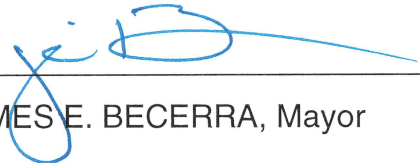
SECTION 5. The Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County Election Department to take any and all necessary steps for holding of the consolidated election.

SECTION 6. The City of Whittier recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to both the Board of Supervisors and the County Election Department.

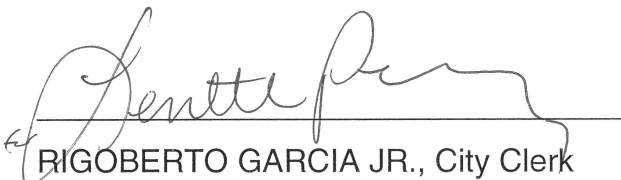
SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June 2026.



JAMES E. BECERRA, Mayor

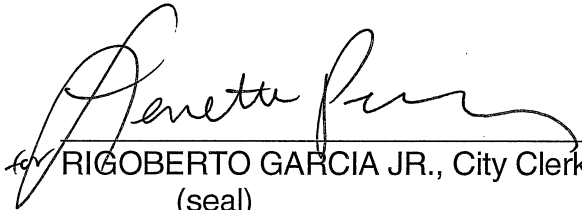
ATTEST:



RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk
(seal)

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-35 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Whittier at the regular meeting held on the 23rd day of June 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Council Members:	Becerra, Pacheco, Warner, Macedo, Santana
NOES:	0		
ABSTAIN:	0		
ABSENT:	0		



for RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk
(seal)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR SELECTING ARGUMENTS TO PRINT, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS REGARDING TWO CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

RECITALS

- A. A Special Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Whittier, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following two measure questions:

General Municipal Election Date

“Shall the measure amending the City’s charter so that the City’s general municipal elections (currently held in April of each even-numbered year) are held in each even-numbered year on the same day as the November statewide general elections, be adopted?”

Term Limits on City Council

“Shall the measure amending the City’s charter to prohibit candidates from running for mayor or member of the city council if their election would result in that candidate serving more than 12 total years in elective office in the City (aside from terms of office that were elected or appointed at or prior to November 3, 2026) be adopted?”

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.56.010 the City Council authorizes, but does not obligate, Council Members Macedo and Santana to file a written argument in favor of the two Charter Amendment City measures not exceeding 300 words, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it. The argument may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk after which no arguments for or against the City measure may be submitted. In the event that more than one argument is filed by different members, the City Council shall determine by majority vote which argument shall be formally adopted by the City Council as officially authorized by the legislative body.

The argument shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its

principal officers who is the author of the argument. An argument may be signed by multiple authors, but if more than five authors provide a signature to the argument, then only the signatures of the first five authors shall be printed to the exclusion of the excess signatures.

The arguments shall be accompanied by a completed Declaration of Author form provided by the City Clerk.

SECTION 2. That the City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of both Charter Amendment measures to the City Attorney.

- a. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis (Election Code Section 9280) of the measure in substantial conformance with not exceeding 500 words showing the effect and operation of the measure. The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City Clerk for the filing of primary arguments.
- b. The analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the governing body of the city.
- c. The entire text of the Charter Amendment measures shall be printed in the Voter Information Guide.

SECTION 3. The City Council determines that the priorities for selection of direct and rebuttal arguments for printing shall be those described in Municipal Code Chapter 2.56.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June 2026.



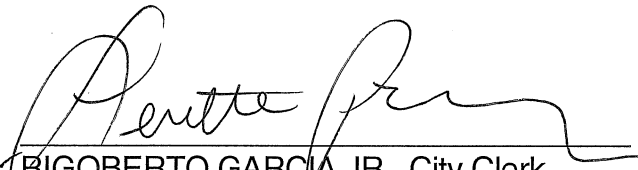
JAMES E. BECERRA, Mayor

ATTEST:


for RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk
(seal)

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Whittier at the regular meeting held on the 23rd day of June 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Council Members:	Becerra, Pacheco, Warner, Macedo, Santana
NOES:	0		
ABSTAIN:	0		
ABSENT:	0		


for RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk
(seal)