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RESOLUTION NO. 26-086

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY A GENERAL TAX MEASURE ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX UPON THE BUSINESS OF CONDUCTING OIL REFINING IN THE CITY OF CARSON, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, AND REQUESTING THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK CONDUCT ALL NECESSARY ELECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Carson ("City") is a charter city organized under the Constitution and laws of the State of California and the City's Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City is a full-service city that seeks to provide services and a high quality of life to its residents, businesses and other community institutions; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to be fiscally responsible and ensure adequate resources are available to support City operations and respond to the service needs of its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of oil refining and petroleum-related activities occurring within its boundaries and has undertaken efforts to address environmental, public health, and public safety impacts and concerns associated with those activities; and

WHEREAS, petroleum refining, storage, and pipeline infrastructure has been concentrated in Carson since the early twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, historical refinery and petroleum-related operations have contributed to significant environmental burdens in Carson, including soil and groundwater contamination, ongoing remediation activities, and costs associated with certain abandoned pipelines and surrounding contaminated soil; and

WHEREAS, heavy industrial operations continue to pose ongoing public safety and environmental hazard risks, as evidenced by a major fire at the Carson Marathon refinery in February 2020 and a hydrocarbon release at the same facility in October 2025; and

WHEREAS, CalEnviroScreen, a screening tool developed by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, identifies census tracts within Carson as experiencing comparatively high cumulative pollution burdens and population vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, petroleum-related operations generate truck and cargo transportation activity, and Carson residents have expressed concerns regarding associated traffic, noise, air emissions, and wear on local streets; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City desires to submit to the qualified electors of the City a general tax measure establishing a business license tax upon oil refining in the City of Carson by adopting an ordinance adding a new chapter to the Carson Municipal Code ("Oil Refinery Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Oil Refinery Tax would establish a general tax on oil refining of up to $1.00 per barrel of feedstock refined in the City of Carson, with revenues available for general governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII C, section 2(b) of the California Constitution requires that a general tax imposed, extended, or increased by a local government be submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority vote at a general municipal election for members of the governing body, unless otherwise permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Carson on Tuesday, November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, an established Statewide General Election is scheduled for November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit the Oil Refinery Tax to the qualified voters of the City of Carson at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, and to request that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors consolidate the election on the Oil Refinery Tax measure with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and authorize the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to conduct all necessary election services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Carson, pursuant to its right and authority, hereby orders submitted to the voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the following ballot question pertaining to the Oil Refinery Tax:

Carson Oil Refinery Tax for City Services, Public Safety, Environmental Cleanup. Shall the measure maintaining public safety, 9-1-1 emergency response, addressing homelessness, protecting drinking water, monitoring air/water quality, providing other general services, protecting Carson's long-term financial stability by establishing a City of Carson tax on oil refineries of up to $1 per barrel of feedstock, providing approximately $100,000,000 annually, until ended by voters, requiring public spending disclosure, audits, all funds used locally, be adopted?	YES NO

Section 3. That the text of the Oil Refinery Tax that is to be submitted to the voters is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full. The City's designated elections official is hereby authorized and directed to make any non-substantive, clerical, formatting, or conforming changes to this Resolution, the proposed ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit "A," the above ballot question, and any related election materials as may be required by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk or by applicable law, provided that such changes do not materially alter the Oil Refinery Tax approved by the City Council for submission to the voters.

Section 4. That the vote requirement for the Oil Refinery Tax measure to pass is a majority (50% +1) of the votes cast on the measure.

Section 5. That the City Clerk is designated as the City's elections official and is authorized, instructed and directed to coordinate with the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

Section 6. That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law, and that the election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 7. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 10242, the polls for the General Municipal Election shall open at seven o'clock a.m. on the day of the election, and shall remain open continuously from that time until eight o'clock p.m. of the same day, when the polls shall be closed, except as otherwise provided in California Election Code section 14401.

Section 8. That in all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the General Municipal Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating municipal and statewide elections.

Section 9. That notice of the time and place of holding the General Municipal Election is hereby given and the City's designated elections official is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form and manner required by law.

Section 10. That pursuant to sections 10402 and 10403 of the Elections Code, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of the submission of the Oil Refinery Tax measure at the General Municipal Election with the election conducted by Los Angeles County to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Section 11. The City Council acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418.

Section 12. That the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is authorized to canvass the returns of the General 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.

Section 13. That the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to take any and all

necessary steps for the holding of this consolidated election.

Section 14. That the City of Carson recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by Los Angeles County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County for any costs upon presentation of a properly submitted bill.

Section 15. That the adoption of this Resolution is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.* ("CEQA"). The calling and noticing of a General Municipal Election for the submission of a ballot measure to voters is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (14 CCR §15378). The Oil Refinery Tax measure to be submitted to the voters is a proposed general tax that can be used for any lawful municipal purpose; it is not a commitment to any particular action or project. Under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), this Resolution and the proposed tax is not a project within the meaning of CEQA because it creates a government funding mechanism, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Therefore, under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060, review under CEQA is not required.

Section 16. That the City's designated elections official is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Section 17. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND **ADOPTED** this 4th day of August 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FROM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

CITY OF CARSON:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

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

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 26-086 adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on August 4, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Davis-Holmes, Hicks, Hilton, Rojas
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Dear
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

In this Chapter, the singular number includes the plural and the plural the singular, and the masculine gender includes the other genders. The word "shall" is mandatory, "may" is permissive.

(a) "Barrel of feedstock" shall mean 42 U.S. gallons of feedstock, irrespective of any other industry standards related to different barrel sizes for non-petroleum-based products.

(b) "Conducting oil refining" shall mean the subjecting of feedstock to a refining process.

(c) "Engage in the business" shall mean to commence, operate, manage or carry on a business and to exercise corporate or franchise powers, whether done as an owner or by means of one (1) or more officers, agents, managers, employees, servants or otherwise, within the City, whether or not the business is operated from a fixed location and whether or not such location is within the City.

(d) "Feedstock" shall mean crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products, renewable feedstocks, biofuel feedstocks, or other raw or intermediate materials introduced into and processed by a refining process within the City, and includes, without limitation:

(i) Crude oil, crude petroleum, and petroleum;

(ii) Petroleum products that are pre-treated or partially refined offsite and brought onsite for the purpose of further refining there;

(iii) Other feedstocks that supply the refining process, inclusive of biofuels feedstocks or renewable feedstocks, including but not limited to oil derived from plants, cooking oil, tallows and other animal fats.

(iv) For purposes of calculating the tax imposed by this Chapter, taxable feedstock shall be measured at the point of its first introduction into a refining process within the City and shall not include material previously reported as taxable feedstock under this Chapter.

The volume of feedstock shall be determined from the refinery's official accounting records and refinery feedstock measurement systems used for financial and regulatory reporting, including refinery charge records, custody transfer measurements, or other primary accounting records maintained in the ordinary course of business.

Such records and measurements shall be subject to review, verification, and audit by the Tax Collector pursuant to this Chapter.

Internal recycle streams, intermediate process streams, catalyst circulation streams, slops, reprocessed refinery streams, or other materials generated from feedstock previously reported as taxable

feedstock under this Chapter shall not constitute new feedstock solely because they are transferred, blended, stored, recycled, reprocessed, upgraded, or further processed within the refinery.

Materials used solely as fuel, utilities, catalysts, chemicals, additives, or other consumables, and materials merely stored, transferred, blended, or handled in the City without being introduced into and processed by a refining process within the City, shall not constitute taxable feedstock.

(e) "Person" shall include domestic and foreign corporations, associations, syndicates, joint stock companies, firms, partnerships of every kind, trusts, societies, and individuals.

(f) "Petroleum" shall mean the common definition of petroleum, inclusive of crude oil.

(g) "Petroleum products" shall mean materials derived from petroleum. For the purposes of this Chapter, petroleum products include, but are not limited to, any product derived from hydrocarbons, including, but not limited to, liquid petroleum gas (LPG), natural gas, gasoline, gas oil, jet fuel, diesel fuel, heavy fuels, lubricants, asphalt, tar, petroleum coke, residuum from distillation of petroleum, paraffins, naphtha, sulfur and petrochemicals.

(h) "Refine," "refining" and "oil refining" shall mean the process of producing gasoline, gasoline blending stocks, naphtha, distillate fuel oil including but not limited to diesels, kerosene, aviation fuel, lubricants (including but not limited to lube oil), asphalt, petrochemical feedstock, residual fuel oils, solvents, plastics, asphalt (including but not limited to bitumen), biofuels (including but not limited to ethanol, biodiesel, biogas, biomethane, or sustainable aviation fuel), or other similar products through the processing of crude oil, crude petroleum or alternative feedstocks (including but not limited to oil derived from plants, cooking oil, tallows and other animal fats), redistillation of unfinished petroleum derivatives or unfinished biofuel derivatives, cracking, reforming, or other processes to convert feedstocks into other useful products.

(i) "Tax" shall mean the tax imposed by this Chapter.

(j) "Tax certificate" shall mean the certificate issued pursuant to Section 63606 to a taxpayer evidencing that the taxpayer has complied with this Chapter including, but not limited to, payment of all taxes, interest, and penalties owed by a taxpayer pursuant to this Chapter.

(k) "Tax Collector" shall mean the director of finance of the City or his or her designee.

(l) "Taxpayer" shall mean any person required to pay the tax imposed by this Chapter.

63604 Tax Certificate Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of conducting oil refining in the City of Carson without first obtaining a tax certificate and paying the tax required by this Chapter.

63605 Oil Refinery Tax.

In addition to any other taxes imposed by the City, every person engaged in the business of conducting oil refining in the City of Carson shall pay a business license tax per barrel of feedstock, measured by the number of barrels of feedstock first introduced into a refining process within the City of Carson during the reporting period, provided that this tax is not a tax on the sale or use of gasoline or other fuels for propelling motor vehicles or upon the storage of gasoline or other fuels for use by the business doing the storage to fuel motor vehicles operated by or for the benefit of that business. The rate of this tax shall be set by resolution of the City Council except as otherwise provided herein, and may not exceed $1.00 per barrel of feedstock. In the absence of a City Council resolution setting the rate of the tax, the rate shall be $1.00 per barrel of feedstock. After the City Council has set the rate of the tax by resolution, the City Council may subsequently re-set or adjust the rate up or down by resolution at any time, provided the rate shall not at any time exceed the voter-approved maximum of $1.00 per barrel of feedstock.

63606 Issuance of Tax Certificate.

(a) Each taxpayer shall submit a tax return each calendar quarter on a form provided by the Tax Collector. The tax return shall include sufficient information, including, but not limited to, information on the number of barrels of feedstock first introduced into a refining process within the City of Carson during the reporting period, to allow computation of the tax due, as well as any other information deemed necessary by the Tax Collector for the administration of this Chapter and calculation of the tax owed. The tax return shall also be accompanied by payment of all taxes, interest, and penalties due under this Chapter.

(b) Tax returns shall be signed under penalty of perjury by an officer or other individual authorized to legally bind the taxpayer. The signer shall certify that:

(1) the information contained in the return is true, correct, and complete to the best of the signer's knowledge;

(2) the reported quantity of taxable feedstock has been determined from the taxpayer's books and records maintained in the ordinary course of business; and

(3) the return is supported by records required to be maintained under Section 63614.

A taxpayer claiming that any barrels are excluded from taxable feedstock shall maintain and provide records sufficient to substantiate the exclusion. Unsupported exclusions may be

disallowed by the Tax Collector.

(c) Upon confirmation that a tax return evidences compliance with this Chapter (including, but not limited to, the payment of any tax, interest, and penalty owed), the Tax Collector shall issue the taxpayer a tax certificate evidencing that compliance.

(d) **Annual Reconciliation.**

Within ninety (90) days following the close of each calendar year, each taxpayer shall file an annual reconciliation of taxable feedstock reported during the four quarterly reporting periods. The annual reconciliation shall reconcile the total taxable feedstock reported under this Chapter with the refinery's annual accounting records and any annual regulatory or operating reports maintained in the ordinary course of business.

63607 Administration; Gann Limit Override.

(a) The Tax Collector shall be responsible for issuing tax certificates pursuant to this Chapter and otherwise for its administration and enforcement. The people of the City of Carson intend this Chapter to be enforced consistently with the Municipal Code and any rule or regulation promulgated under the Municipal Code.

(b) Pursuant to California Constitution, Article XIII B, the appropriation limit for the City is increased to the maximum extent over the maximum period of time allowed under law to allow the City to spend the revenues generated by the taxes and fee imposed by this Chapter to fund City services and for other lawful purposes of the City.

63608 Tax Certificate Expiration; Renewal.

Tax certificates shall expire at the end of each calendar quarter.

63609 Calculation of Initial Business License Tax.

A taxpayer paying an initial business license tax under this Chapter shall report on the tax return required by Section 63606 the number of barrels of feedstock first introduced into a refining process within the City of Carson in the calendar quarter immediately prior to the date of the tax return to allow calculation of the tax imposed by this Chapter. This tax is not imposed upon oil refining conducted before January 1, 2027.

63610 Calculation of Renewal Business License Tax.

Upon expiration of a tax certificate issued under this Chapter, the taxpayer shall report on the tax return required by Section 63606 the number of barrels of feedstock first introduced into a refining process within the City of Carson during the previous calendar quarter to allow calculation of the tax imposed by this Chapter.

63611 Tax Certificate Not Transferable – Duties upon Transfer of Business.

(a) No tax certificate issued under this Chapter may be transferred to any other person.

(b) Whenever any taxpayer shall cease business or dispose of a business taxed under this Chapter, any tax payable under this Chapter shall be immediately due and payable.

(c) Whenever any taxpayer transfers a business taxed under this Chapter, the transferor and transferee shall be jointly and severally liable for any tax, interest and penalties due from that business under this Chapter up to and including the date of transfer. No tax certificate may be issued to the transferee until such tax, interest and penalties are paid.

(d) Successor and Assignee Responsibility.

1. If any person, while liable for any amount under this Chapter, sells, assigns or otherwise transfers half (1/2) or more of a business subject to tax under this Chapter, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the person's successor, assignee or other transferee, or other person or entity obtaining ownership or control of the business ("transferee") shall pay that amount and any outstanding penalties and interest when due. A transferee shall notify the Tax Collector of a transfer thirty (30) days before the transfer date; or if the agreement to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the business is made less than thirty (30) days before the date of transfer, on the first business day after the transfer is agreed.

2. A transferee shall be deemed to have satisfied an unpaid liability if the transferee withholds from the purchase price, for the benefit of the City, an amount sufficient to cover the liability, or by otherwise paying the liability and obtaining from the Tax Collector a "tax clearance certificate" showing that all outstanding liability under this Chapter has been paid through the date of transfer.

3. Within ninety (90) days of receiving a written request from a transferee, the Tax Collector may issue a "tax clearance certificate" stating either the amount due as to the business under this Chapter, or stating that there is no liability due for the business through a stated date. The Tax Collector may request records from the transferor to audit the amount due under this Chapter. The Tax Collector shall issue a tax clearance certificate within thirty (30) days of completing such an audit, stating any amount owed, unless the Tax Collector determines the records provided for audit are insufficient to determine whether taxes, fees, penalties and/or interest are due and in what amounts. If so, the Tax Collector may rely on available information to estimate any amount due and shall issue a tax clearance certificate stating that amount.

63612 Due dates; delinquency, interest, and penalties for fraud and negligence.

(a) Payment Deadline. The tax imposed under this Chapter is due and payable according to the following schedule:

1. For refining conducted from January 1 to March 31 of that same year, the tax payment shall be due on April 1 and shall become delinquent on April 30 of that same year.

2. For refining conducted from April 1 to June 30 of that same year, the tax payment shall be due on July 1 and shall become delinquent on July 31 of that same year.

3. For refining conducted from July 1 to September 30 of that same year, the tax payment shall be due on October 1 and shall become delinquent on October 31 of that same year.

4. For refining conducted from October 1 to December 31 of that same year, the tax payment shall be due on January 1 of the next year and shall become delinquent on January 31 of the next year.

(b) Should the due date occur on a weekend or legal holiday, the return may be paid or postmarked on the next working day.

(c) Every business newly subject to this Chapter shall file a tax return and pay any tax due before the first day of operation (to the extent any tax is owed), and the tax shall become delinquent ninety (90) days thereafter and the penalties of Sections 63612(d) and 63612(e) shall then attach, to the extent applicable.

(d) If the tax is not paid when due, a delinquency penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of tax due shall accrue. If a portion of the tax is not paid when due, the penalty shall accrue as to the portion unpaid. An additional penalty of fifteen percent (15%) shall accrue if the tax remains unpaid on the 90th day following the date it was first due. Interest (simple) shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) each month, or fraction thereof, on the amount of tax from the date the tax becomes delinquent to the date of payment. Interest and penalties accrued shall become part of the tax and shall bear interest as it does and be subject to enforcement and collection as it is.

(e) Upon determining that a taxpayer has been guilty of fraud or negligence in reporting or remitting tax under this Chapter, the Tax Collector may impose additional penalties of fifteen percent (15%) of the difference between the amount of tax the taxpayer initially reported to the City and the tax amount as recomputed by the Tax Collector.

(f) The City Council may modify the percentages provided in Sections 63612(d) and 63612(e) by resolution without voter approval pursuant to California Constitution, article XIII C, section 1, subdivision (e)(5).

63613 Constitutional apportionment.

(a) The tax provided for by this Chapter shall not be so applied to

occasion an undue burden upon interstate commerce or to violate the constitutions of the United States and/or the State of California.

(b) When, by reason of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of California, the tax imposed by this Chapter cannot be enforced without apportionment to business done in the City of Carson, or in California, as the case may be, rules and regulations for apportionment of the tax shall be established as follows:

(1) The City Council from time to time may, but need not, adopt by resolution general guidelines for apportionment.

(2) The Tax Collector, with the approval of the City Attorney, may, but need not, make such rules and regulations for the apportionment of the tax as are necessary and desirable to overcome the constitutional objections and which are consistent with any general apportionment guidelines adopted by resolution of the City Council.

(3) In the absence of such guidelines, rules and regulations, a taxpayer may propose a reasonable apportionment for the Tax Collector's consideration and, failing that, the Tax Collector shall make such apportionment as he or she shall deem lawful and just.

(c) Notice of any guideline, rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this section shall be given pursuant to Section 63615(c) and such rules and regulations shall be effective as provided in Section 63615(c).

63614 Records.

(a) It shall be the duty of every person required to remit to the City any tax imposed by this Chapter to keep and preserve, for a period of at least five (5) years, all records as may be necessary to determine the amount of such tax as he may have been liable for the remittance to the Tax Collector, which records the Tax Collector shall have the right to inspect at a reasonable time for the purpose of conducting an audit pursuant to Section 63617 or verifying a refund claim pursuant to Section 63616.

(b) The Tax Collector may issue an administrative subpoena to compel a person to deliver, to the Tax Collector, copies of all records deemed necessary by the Tax Collector, to establish compliance with this Chapter, including the delivery of records in a common electronic format on readily available media if such records are kept electronically by the person in the usual and ordinary course of business. As an alternative to delivering the subpoenaed records to the Tax Collector on or before the due date provided in the administrative subpoena, such person may provide access to such records outside the City on or before the due date, provided that such person shall reimburse the City for all reasonable travel expenses incurred by the City to inspect those records, including travel, lodging, meals, and other similar expenses, but excluding the normal salary or hourly wages of those persons designated by the City to conduct the inspection.

(c) The Tax Collector is authorized, but is not required, to execute a nondisclosure agreement, subject to the City Attorney's approval as to form, to protect the confidentiality of taxpayer information pursuant to state or federal law including, but not limited to, California Civil Code section 3426 et seq. Whether or not a nondisclosure agreement is executed, nonpublic taxpayer data shall be used only to enforce this Chapter and not made public without the taxpayer's consent.

(d) In addition to the records required by this Section, each taxpayer shall maintain and, upon request of the Tax Collector, provide copies of any federal, state, or local regulatory reports, operating reports, production reports, refinery charge reports, or other reports prepared in the ordinary course of business that identify, reconcile, verify, or substantiate the quantity of feedstock introduced into refining processes within the City. To the extent reasonably available, the taxpayer shall also provide a reconciliation between the taxable feedstock reported under this Chapter and the corresponding quantities reported in such records. The reconciliation shall identify and explain any differences between quarterly reported taxable feedstock and annual refinery accounting records.

(e) If any person subject to recordkeeping under this Section unreason-ably denies the Tax Collector access to such records, or fails to produce the information requested in an administrative subpoena within the time specified, then the Tax Collector may impose a penalty of $500 on such person for each day following: (i) the initial date that the person refuses to provide such access; or, (ii) the due date for production of records as set forth in the administrative subpoena. This penalty shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed under this Chapter or other applicable law.

63615 Rules and regulations for enforcement.

(a) The Tax Collector is authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to aid or assist in enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter.

(b) The Tax Collector shall have the power and duty, and is directed, to enforce this Chapter.

(c) The Tax Collector shall give notice of such rules and regulations by publishing such rules and regulations once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City. If there is no newspaper of general circulation within the City, then the Tax Collector may instead post such rules and regulations in the locations where the agendas are posted for regular meetings of the City Council. Such rules and regulations shall be effective 10 days after such posting or publication.

(d) The Tax Collector may prescribe the form of tax returns, annual reconciliations, and supporting schedules necessary to administer this Chapter.

63616 Refunds.

No tax, penalty or interest shall be refunded unless the Tax Collector determines that it has been paid in error, computed incorrectly, overpaid, or collected illegally.

No refund shall be made unless a request is received in writing by the Tax Collector within one (1) year of the payment of the tax, interest, or penalty to be refunded. Such request shall include any information or documentation required by the Tax Collector to establish the basis of the refund claim.

63617 Audits and Adjustments.

(a) Upon request of the Tax Collector, any person subject to tax under this Chapter shall provide the necessary records to substantiate the tax paid or due. In conducting an audit, the Tax Collector may rely upon refinery operating records, including, but not limited to, accounting records, regulatory reports, production reports, and other business records maintained in the ordinary course of business to verify the quantity of taxable feedstock. If, upon audit of such records or, failing the provision of such records, upon review of such information as the Tax Collector finds to be available and reasonably reliable, the Tax Collector determines the tax imposed by this Chapter has not been paid in full, the Tax Collector shall notify the taxpayer of the balance due, including any accrued penalties and interest. Such amount shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the Tax Collector issues such notice.

(b) If an audit reveals an underpayment equal to two (2) percent or more of the tax properly due for the audit period, the taxpayer shall reimburse the City for the full reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the City in conducting the audit and enforcing this Chapter, including all legal fees and payment for necessary consultants to conduct the audit.

(c) If an audit reveals an overpayment, the Tax Collector shall notify the taxpayer of the amount overpaid. Unless the taxpayer requests in writing a refund of the overpayment within thirty (30) days after the Tax Collector issues such notice, the overpayment shall be applied as a credit against the next tax due.

(d) If an audit reveals an underpayment of $100.00 or less, the Tax Collector shall take no action to collect the underpayment. The Tax Collector may adjust this figure for inflation on January 1st of each year using the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Los Angeles Area that is promulgated by the
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. If such consumer price index is no longer calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, then the Tax Collector may utilize any appropriate successor index.

(e) Rather than request information and conduct an audit, the Tax Collector may request that a taxpayer file a corrected tax return. If such a tax return is filed and the Tax Collector is satisfied with its accuracy, the existence of any underpayment or overpayment under this Chapter shall be determined with reference to that corrected tax return. If a taxpayer fails to file a corrected tax return or if the Tax Collector is not satisfied with a corrected tax return, the Tax Collector may conduct an audit under this section.

(f) In the event the taxpayer's books and records are incomplete, inconsistent, unavailable, or otherwise inadequate to determine the proper amount

of tax due, the Tax Collector may determine the tax due using the best information reasonably available.

63618 Appeals.

(a) Initiation – Contents of Notice of Appeal. Any person may appeal any decision of the Tax Collector made under this Chapter within fifteen (15) days of the decision including but not limited to denial of a refund under section 63616 or an underpayment determination under section 63617. The City Council delegates its authority to conduct the hearing on such appeals to a hearing officer appointed for that purpose by the City Manager. The compensation of the hearing officer shall not depend on any particular outcome of the appeal. The hearing officer shall have full authority and duty to preside over the hearing on the matter appealed in the manner set forth herein and as required by law. Any such appeal shall be made by filing it with the City Clerk and any such appeal shall be in writing and shall include the following:

1. The name and address of appellant.

2. The matter appealed.

3. A statement of the grounds of appeal.

4. If the appeal relates to the taxes due, then such appeal shall include the following:

(i) Payment of any tax due under this Chapter and whether such payment is done under protest.

(ii) Whether the whole tax is claimed to be void, or, if only a part, what part. Any other information reasonably required by the Tax Collector or by a form promulgated by the Tax Collector to allow a hearing officer to determine the appeal.

(b) Notice of Deficiency. If the City Clerk finds a notice of appeal to be deficient, the City Clerk shall deliver to the appellant or mail or cause to be mailed by certified mail addressed to the appellant at the address shown on the notice of appeal a notice of deficiency specifying the particulars in which the notice of appeal is deficient. If within seven (7) days after mailing of a notice of deficiency such deficiency is not corrected by the appellant by filing with the City Clerk a sufficient amendment to the notice of appeal, the notice of appeal shall be deemed to be withdrawn.

(c) Appeal Hearing and Hearing Officer's Decision.

1. The appeal hearing will be held by the hearing officer within sixty (60) days after the timely filing of an appeal pursuant to this section, unless the 60 day time limit is waived by the appellant, or unless the hearing officer continues the appeal hearing date for good cause and upon written notification to the appellant. Notice of the appeal hearing shall be provided

to the appellant at least 10 days before the date of the appeal hearing, unless waived by the appellant.

2. The hearing officer shall review the facts of the matter, written documents submitted for review (including, but not limited to, the appeal filed with the City Clerk), testimony, argument and evidence submitted in writing or orally, and the basis for the Tax Collector's decision; and determine whether and to what extent to grant or deny the appeal. Such determination by the hearing officer shall be written.

3. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply but the hearing officer shall base his or her decision on relevant, credible evidence of solid value that a reasonable mind could accept as adequate to support a conclusion.

4. The hearing officer's decision shall be final as to the City, but subject to judicial review pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5.

(d) Notice of Decision. The independent hearing officer shall cause no-tice of his or her decision to be given to the appellant, which shall include the information required by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6, subdivision (f). Such notice shall be given in the manner required by this section for a notice of deficiency. Any amount found to be due shall be immediately due and payable upon the service of notice.

63619 Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies.

Prior to seeking judicial relief on any matter arising under this Chapter, a taxpayer must fully exhaust all administrative remedies provided under this Chapter, including, but not limited to, the requirements of Section 63616 and Section 63618. Further, any litigation filed by such taxpayer shall be limited to the subject matter of the appeal filed pursuant to Section 63618.

63620 Refining Tax an Excise Tax.

The payment of any amount under this Chapter measured by volume is not a tax on title to or the value of any form of property, but is an excise tax on the privilege of engaging in the business of oil refining in the City. It is not a sales tax or a use tax, or other excise tax on the sale, consumption or use of feedstock or refined products.

63621 Notice.

Any notice to a taxpayer under this Chapter shall be sufficient if deposited with postage prepaid in the United States mail and addressed to the address provided on the taxpayer's most recent tax return unless a change of address notice has been received, in which case notice is sufficient if mailed to the most recent address of which the Tax Collector has been informed.

63622 Violations.

It is a violation of this Chapter, punishable as a misdemeanor, to knowingly or intentionally misrepresent to any officer or employee of the City any material fact, relative to any tax imposed under this Chapter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any provision of this Chapter may be enforced by any action at law or equity or by any other remedy authorized by this Code or other applicable law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Attorney may determine that the interests of justice are served by prosecuting a violation of this Chapter as an infraction.

63623 Suit for recovery of unpaid sums; tax owed a debt to the City.

Any tax, fee, penalty, or interest imposed pursuant to this Chapter shall be deemed a debt to the City and any person who engages in the business of conducting oil refining within the City without payment of the tax provided in this Chapter shall be liable in an action by and in the name of the City in any court of competent jurisdiction for recovery of any such sum.

63624 Remedies Cumulative.

The conviction and punishment of any person for failure to comply with this Chapter shall not relieve such person from paying any tax, fee, penalty, or interest due and unpaid at the time of such conviction, nor shall payment prevent prosecution of a violation of this Chapter. All remedies shall be cumulative, and the use of one (1) or more remedies by the City to enforce this Chapter shall not bar the use of any other remedy provided only that double recovery is not permitted.

63625 Annual Audit; Deposit in City's General Fund.

The proceeds resulting from the tax established by this Chapter shall be deposited into the City's General Fund and become subject to the same independent annual audit requirements as other General Fund revenues. In addition, the City shall cause an independent auditor to complete an audit report regarding the collection of this tax and the expenditure of the revenues collected, provided that such report may be combined with the City's independent annual audit requirements as described above. Such report shall be due on the same date as the City's independent annual audit of the City's General Fund and shall inform the public as follows: (i) attest to the inspection of records that establish compliance with this Chapter by the Tax Collector; (ii) state the total revenue generated by this Chapter during the period covered by the audit report; and (iii) affirm how the tax revenue generated under this Chapter is allocated, and if the Tax Collector cannot trace the funds beyond their allocation to the General Fund, a description of that fact by the Tax Collector shall suffice. In complying with this section, the Tax Collector shall not divulge any confidential business information of taxpayers. Noncompliance with this section by the City shall in no way affect the validity, applicability, or enforceability of this Chapter to any person liable for tax payment under this Chapter; noncompliance with this section shall not affect a person's liability or payment schedule under this Chapter.

63626 Operative Date.

This Chapter shall be operative on January 1, 2027, such that it shall not be imposed upon any person engaged in the business of conducting oil refining in the City of Carson prior to January 1, 2027, and no tax under this ordinance shall be due prior to January 1, 2027. The tax imposed by this Chapter shall continue until ended by voters.

63627 Construction.

It is the intent of the people of the City of Carson that the tax imposed by this Chapter be limited to the taxing power of the City and not to tax activity outside the tax jurisdiction of the City or to disfavor intercity or interstate commerce. It shall be construed in light of that intent.

63628 City Council Authority to Amend.

The City Council may amend this Chapter, to further its purposes and intent (including but not limited to amendment for more efficient administration as determined by the City Council), in any manner that does not constitute a tax increase as defined by Government Code section 53750, subdivision (h).

63629 Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Chapter 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 remainder of the Chapter. The people of the City hereby declare that they would have adopted this Chapter and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional."

Section 3. CEQA. This Ordinance adopts a general tax to fund any lawful purpose of the City. As such, under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), this Ordinance and the tax is not a project within the meaning of CEQA because it creates a government funding mechanism, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Therefore, under CEQA Guidelines section 15060, review under CEQA is not required.

Section 4. Effective Date; Operative Date. If approved by a majority (50%+1) of the voters of the City of Carson voting at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, then this Ordinance shall become a valid and binding ordinance of the City of Carson, and shall be considered as adopted upon the date that the vote is declared and by the City Council, and this Ordinance shall go into effect ten (10) days after that date, pursuant to Election Code Section 9217.

Section 5. Execution. The Mayor and Clerk of the City of Carson are hereby authorized and directed to attest to the adoption of the Ordinance by the voters of the City of Carson by signing where indicated below.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by a majority vote of the People of the City of Carson, California voting on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

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Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 26-087

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS REGARDING A GENERAL TAX MEASURE ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX UPON THE BUSINESS OF CONDUCTING OIL REFINING IN THE CITY OF CARSON TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Carson ("City") is a charter city organized under the Constitution and the laws of the State of California and the City's Charter;

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Carson, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which there will be submitted to the voters a general tax measure establishing a business license tax upon the business of conducting oil refining in the City of Carson ("Oil Refinery Tax"); and

WHEREAS, whenever a municipal ballot measure is authorized, state law provides that the City Council may direct the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis and provide for the filing of written arguments for and against the measure to be filed with the City's Elections Official.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9282, the City Council, or any member or members of the City Council authorized by the City Council, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the Oil Refinery Tax, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument for or against the Oil Refinery Tax.

Section 3. In the event that more than one argument for, or more than one argument against, the Oil Refinery Tax is timely submitted to the City's designated Elections Official, the City's designated Elections Official shall select one argument in favor and one argument against the Oil Refinery Tax to be printed and distributed to the voters. In selecting the arguments, the City's designated Elections Official shall give preference and priority in the order named, to the arguments of the following: (1) to the City Council, or member or members of the City Council authorized by the City Council; (2) to the individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the Oil Refinery Tax; (3) to bona fide associations of citizens; and (4) to individual voters who are eligible to vote on the Oil Refinery Tax, in accordance with California Elections Code section 9287(a).

Section 4. In accordance with the requirements of Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 4 of the California Elections Code, all written arguments for or against the Oil Refinery Tax: (1) shall not exceed three hundred (300) words in length; (2) shall be filed with the City's designated Elections Official; (3) shall be accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(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 the principal officers who is the author of the argument; and (4) shall be accompanied by the completed and signed Form of Statement to be Filed by Author(s) of Argument as provided for in California Elections Code section 9600. All written arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City's designated Elections Official, after which time no arguments for or against the Oil Refinery Tax may be submitted to the Elections Official.

Section 5. The City Council hereby directs the City's designated Elections Official to transmit a copy of the Oil Refinery Tax to the City Attorney. In accordance with California Elections Code § 9280, the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the Oil Refinery Tax, not to exceed five hundred (500) words in length, showing the effect of the Oil Refinery Tax on the existing law and the operation of the Oil Refinery Tax. The analysis shall include a statement indicating that the Oil Refinery Tax was placed on the ballot by the City Council. If the entire text of the Oil Refinery Tax is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information guide, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-point bold type, a legend substantially as follows: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure ___. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (310-952-1720) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you." The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City's designated Elections Official for the filing of primary arguments.

Section 6. The City's designated Elections Official shall cause the City Attorney's impartial analysis, and duly selected arguments, to be printed and distributed to voters in accordance with applicable law.

Section 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND **ADOPTED** this 4th day of August 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FROM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

CITY OF CARSON:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

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

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 26-087 adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on August 4, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Davis-Holmes, Hicks, Hilton, Rojas
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Dear
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 26-088

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS REGARDING A GENERAL TAX MEASURE ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX UPON THE BUSINESS OF CONDUCTING OIL REFINING IN THE CITY OF CARSON TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Carson, California ("City"), on November 3, 2026, at which there will be submitted to the voters a general tax measure establishing a business license tax upon the business of conducting oil refining in the City of Carson ("Oil Refinery Tax"); and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code section 9285 authorizes the City Council, by majority vote, to adopt provisions to provide for the filing of rebuttal arguments regarding City measures submitted at a municipal election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9285, when the City's designated elections official has selected the arguments for and against the Oil Refinery Tax submitted at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City's designated elections official shall send copies of the argument in favor of the Oil Refinery Tax to the authors of the argument against the Oil Refinery Tax, and copies of the argument against the Oil Refinery Tax to the authors of the argument in favor of the Oil Refinery Tax. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to the Oil Refinery Tax may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument, or may authorize in writing another person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument, not to exceed two hundred fifty (250) words in length. A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five (5) persons. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City's designated elections official not more than ten (10) days after the final date for filing primary arguments. The rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the completed and signed Form of Statement to be Filed by Author(s) of Argument as provided for in California Elections Code section 9600. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument that it seeks to rebut.

Section 3. All previous resolutions providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for City measures are repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Resolution and only as applied to City measures submitted at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 4. The provisions of Section 2 of this Resolution shall apply only to the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, and shall then be repealed.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND **ADOPTED** this 4th day of August 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FROM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

CITY OF CARSON:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

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

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 26-088 adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on August 4, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Davis-Holmes, Hicks, Hilton, Rojas
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Dear
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 26-092

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY A CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE INCLUDING AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 301, 305, 306, 319, AND 907 OF, AND ADDITION OF NEW SECTION 320 TO THE CITY CHARTER, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, AND REQUESTING THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK CONDUCT ALL NECESSARY ELECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Carson ("City") is a charter city organized under the Constitution and laws of the State of California and the City's Charter, with a governance structure established through the City Charter, and amendments to the City Charter require voter consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Constitution Article XI, section 3, Government Code section 34458, and Elections Code section 9255, the City Council may propose amendments to the City Charter and submit the proposed Charter amendment to the voters at an established statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, an established Statewide General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, trust in government and in elected leaders is supported by transparency and access to information by the voters whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson desires to enhance local government transparency and campaign accountability by requiring the Mayor and all City Council members to comply with California state campaign contribution disclosure laws, and providing that local reporting rules and dollar thresholds are never less stringent than those mandated by the state; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to submit proposed amendments concerning local election laws for voter consideration by updating the City Charter to specify that the number of terms on the City Council is to be determined by voters at their discretion each election cycle, while preserving the current four-year term structure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of local voter participation in matters concerning the City's governance structure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendments would modernize and clarify municipal voting operations by defining guidelines for both district-based and at-large elections, including representation requirements for Council members and the citywide election of the Mayor, while retaining the City Council authority to expand council representation if Carson's population exceeds 100,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to align local governance processes with state law, by clarifying that any proposed special tax for specific purposes may be referred to the voters with a majority vote of the City Council, and must then be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to update, clarify, and modernize the City's contracting procedures by allowing the City Council to authorize the City Manager to approve contracts on any subject

matter, provided such approvals comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and such contracts remain transparently reviewable by the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to clarify procedures applicable to municipal real property sales, transfers, or conveyance in fee transactions by requiring City Council approval while eliminating Planning Commission requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments retain additional approval requirements for certain high-value public assets by requiring that any city-owned real property valued at more than $2,500,000 cannot be sold, transferred, or conveyed without a two-thirds affirmative vote of the City Council via ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that these proposed changes collectively serve to clarify, modernize, and clean up inconsistent or outdated language within the City Charter, thereby supporting efficient government operations, accountability, and oversight; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit a proposed Charter amendment measure including for amendment of City Charter Sections 301, 305, 306, 319, and 907, and addition of new Section 320, as set forth in Exhibit "A" to this Resolution, to the qualified voters of the City of Carson at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026 (the "Charter Amendment Measure"), and to request that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors consolidate the Charter Amendment Measure with the statewide general election to be held on the same date and authorize the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to conduct all necessary election services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Carson, pursuant to its right and authority, hereby orders submitted to the voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the following question:

Carson City Government Accountability, Charter Reform, No Tax Increase Measure. Shall the measure amending the Carson City Charter to require campaign contribution transparency; make the City Charter consistent with State law on referring ballot measures for voter approval; update term limits to increase voter options; clarify and clean up inconsistent or outdated language, be adopted?	YES
	NO

Section 2. That the text of the proposed Charter Amendment Measure that is to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full. The City's designated elections official is hereby authorized and directed to make any non-substantive, clerical, formatting, or conforming changes to this Resolution, the ballot question, and related election materials as may be required by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk or by applicable law, provided that such changes do not materially alter the Charter Amendment Measure approved by the City Council for submission to the voters.

Section 3. That the vote requirement for the Charter Amendment Measure to pass is a

majority (50% +1) of the voters voting on the measure. If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the measure, the charter amendment shall be deemed ratified, but shall not take effect until accepted and filed by the California Secretary of State pursuant to Government Code Sections 34459 and 34460.

Section 4. That the City Clerk/City's designated elections official is authorized, instructed and directed to coordinate with the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

Section 5. That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law, and that the election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 6. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10242, the polls for the General Municipal Election shall open at seven o'clock a.m. on the day of the election, and shall remain open continuously from that time until eight o'clock p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, except as otherwise provided in California Election Code Section 14401.

Section 7. That in all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the General Municipal Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating municipal and statewide elections.

Section 8. That notice of the time and place of holding the General Municipal Election is hereby given and the City Clerk/City's designated elections official is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form and manner required by law.

Section 9. That pursuant to Sections 10402 and 10403 of the Elections Code, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of the submission of the Charter Amendment Measure at the General Municipal Election with the election conducted by Los Angeles County to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Section 10. The City Council acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code Section 10418.

Section 11. That the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is authorized to canvass the returns of the General 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.

Section 12. That the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to take any and all necessary steps for the holding of this consolidated election.

Section 13. That the City of Carson recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by Los Angeles County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County for any costs upon presentation of a properly submitted bill.

Section 14. That the designated elections official is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Section 15. If the Charter Amendment Measure is approved by a majority of the voters voting

on the measure, the City Clerk is authorized and directed to certify, authenticate, record, and file the approved Charter amendment as required by Government Code Sections 34459 and 34460.

Section 16. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND **ADOPTED** this 4th day of August 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FROM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

CITY OF CARSON:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

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

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 26-092 adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on August 4, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Davis-Holmes, Hicks, Hilton, Rojas
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Dear
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

CHARTER SECTIONS TO BE AMENDED (ADDITIONS SHOWN IN *BOLD ITALICS* AND DELETIONS IN ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~):

Note: Portions of the listed sections which are not shown below are not amended.

SECTION 301. Elective Officers; Indemnification.

The elective officers of the City shall consist of four city council members, one directly elected mayor, a city clerk, and a city treasurer***, either through at large or district elections, as determined by the city council. For any district elections, t***he members of the city council ~~and the mayor~~ shall be elected by the voters from ***their respective districts*** ~~the City at large~~ ***and the mayor shall be elected by a citywide vote*** at the time and in the manner provided in this Charter. ***For any at large elections, city council members and the mayor will be elected by a citywide vote.*** In the event that the population of the City exceeds one hundred thousand (100,000) residents, by resolution of the city council, the City may increase the elective officers of the City to six city council members, one directly elected mayor, a city clerk, and a city treasurer.

All elective officers shall serve for a term of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The elective officers in office at the time this Charter takes effect shall continue in office until the termination of their current terms and succeeding terms shall be likewise for four (4) years. ***There shall be no limit on the number of terms that elective officers may serve.*** The term of each elective officer shall commence no later than five days from the certification of the election results by the city council. Ties in voting among candidates for officer shall be settled by lot.

Elective officers and employees shall have the same indemnification rights as specified under California State law only.

SECTION 306. Vacancies.

B. Filling Vacancy. A vacancy on the city council, from whatever cause, may be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the city council, or by the calling of a special election if no appointment is made within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the vacancy. No person shall be eligible to fill a vacancy unless, at the time of appointment, they are a qualified elector of the City~~,~~ ***and*** have been domiciled in the City for at least sixty (60) days immediately preceding his or her appointment~~, and have not reached the term limit for city councilmembers pursuant to Section 305 of this Charter prior to, or during, their appointment to fill the vacancy~~. Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy on the city council shall serve the remaining unexpired term of the office. In the event it shall fail to fill a vacancy by appointment within sixty (60) days after such office shall become vacant, the city council shall cause an election to fill such vacancy to be held at the next available state election, but not less than 114 days from the call of the special election. The times and procedures for the calling of any special election to fill a city council vacancy may be established by City ordinance consistent with State law.

SECTION 319. Contracts; Property.

B. City Manager Authority to Contract. By ordinance or resolution the city council may authorize the city manager ***to approve any contract for any subject matter so long as such approval complies with applicable law. By ordinance or resolution the city council may also authorize the city manager*** to bind the City, with a written contract, including by purchase order, for the acquisition of equipment, materials, supplies, labor, services or other items included within the budget approved by the city council, and shall by ordinance impose a monetary limit upon such authority as authorized by this Charter.

D. Sale of Real Property. No real property of City ***may*** ~~shall~~ be sold, transferred or conveyed ***in fee*** without ~~a finding by the planning commission and~~ city council ***approval by resolution*** ~~as to the consistency of the sale with the general plan~~. Moreover, real property valued at more than two million five hundred thousand dollars ($2,500,000), may not be sold, transferred or conveyed except when approved by ordinance or resolution passed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the city council.

E. Acquisition of Real Property. Any real property which is sold, dedicated, or transferred to City ***in fee*** must be accepted by resolution of the city council.

SECTION 907. Limitation on Tax Authority.

(2) Special Tax. The city council shall not impose, extend, or increase any special tax for specific purposes unless and until that tax is submitted to the electorate ***after a*** ~~by a two-thirds affirmative~~ vote of the city council ***consistent with state law*** and approved by a two-thirds vote of the voters. A special tax shall not be deemed to have been increased if it is imposed at a rate not higher than the maximum rate so approved.

CHARTER SECTION TO BE ADDED:

SECTION 320. Reporting of Campaign Donations.

Each City councilmember and mayor must comply with state disclosure laws for campaign donations. The City's local donation disclosure rules shall not be less stringent than those of the state; City may not increase the minimum donation reporting threshold to be higher than the dollar threshold required under state law.

CHARTER LANGUAGE TO BE REMOVED:

The City shall remove all references to a fixed year date contained in the provisions of the charter and Sections 305 and 907(4) shall be deleted in their entirety.

RESOLUTION 26-093

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS REGARDING A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Carson ("City") is a charter city organized under the Constitution and laws of the State of California and the City's Charter; and

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Carson, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which there will be submitted to the voters a measure proposing amendments to the City's Charter ("Charter Amendment Measure").

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9282, the City Council, or any member or members of the City Council authorized by the City Council, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the Charter Amendment Measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, are authorized to file a written argument for or against the Charter Amendment Measure.

Section 2. In the event that more than one argument for, or more than one argument against, the Charter Amendment Measure is timely submitted to the City Clerk/Elections Official, the City Clerk/Elections Official shall select one argument in favor and one argument against the measure to be printed and distributed to the voters. In selecting the arguments, the City Clerk/Elections Official shall give preference and priority in the order named, to the arguments of the following: (1) to the City Council, or member or members of the City Council authorized by the City Council; (2) to the individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure; (3) to bona fide associations of citizens; and (4) to individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure, in accordance with California Elections Code Section 9287(a).

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 4 of the California Elections Code, all written arguments for or against the Charter Amendment Measure: (1) shall not exceed three hundred (300) words in length; (2) shall be filed with the City's designated elections official; (3) shall be accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(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 the principal officers who is the author of the argument; and (4) shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to be Filed by Author(s) of Argument as provided for in California Elections Code Section 9600. All written arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City's designated elections official, after which time no arguments for or against the Charter Amendment Measure may be submitted to the elections official.

Section 4. The City Council hereby directs the City's designated elections official to transmit a copy of the Charter Amendment Measure to the City Attorney. In accordance with California Elections Code § 9280, the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the Charter Amendment Measure, not to exceed five hundred (500) words in length, showing the effect of the

measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure. The analysis shall include a statement indicating that the Charter Amendment Measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council. In the event the entire text of the Charter Amendment Measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information guide, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-point bold type, a legend substantially as follows: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the elections official's office at (310-952-1720) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you." The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City's designated elections official for the filing of primary arguments.

Section 5. The City's designated elections official shall cause the City Attorney's impartial analysis, and duly selected arguments, to be printed and distributed to voters in accordance with applicable law.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND **ADOPTED** this 4th day of August 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FROM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

CITY OF CARSON:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

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

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 26-093 adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on August 4, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Davis-Holmes, Hicks, Hilton, Rojas
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Dear
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 26-094

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS REGARDING THE CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Carson ("City") is a charter city organized under the Constitution and laws of the State of California and the City's Charter; and

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Carson, California, on November 3, 2026, at which there will be submitted to the voters a measure, which proposes charter amendments including amendments to Sections 301, 305, 306, 319, and 907 of, and adding Section 320 to, the City Charter ("Charter Amendment Measure"); and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 9285 authorizes the City Council, by majority vote, to adopt provisions to provide for the filing of rebuttal arguments regarding City measures submitted at a municipal election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9285, when the City's designated elections official has selected the arguments for and against the Charter Amendment Measure submitted at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City's designated elections official shall send copies of the argument in favor of the Charter Amendment Measure to the authors of the argument against the Charter Amendment Measure, and copies of the argument against the measure to the authors of the argument in favor of the measure. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to the Charter Amendment Measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument, or may authorize in writing another person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument, not to exceed two hundred fifty (250) words in length. A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five (5) persons. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk/City's designated elections official not more than ten (10) days after the final date for filing primary arguments. The rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to be Filed by Author(s) of Argument as provided for in California Elections Code Section 9600. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

Section 3. All previous resolutions providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for City measures are repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Resolution and only as applied to City measures submitted at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 4. The provisions of Section 2 of this Resolution shall apply only to the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, and shall then be repealed.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage

and adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND **ADOPTED** this 4th day of August 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FROM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

CITY OF CARSON:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

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

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 26-094 adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on August 4, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Davis-Holmes, Hicks, Hilton, Rojas
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Dear
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 26-098

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-092 TO REVISE THE CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE AND BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; MAKING A CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 26-094 REGARDING THE CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE; AND CONFIRMING THAT RESOLUTION NO. 26-093 REMAINS UNCHANGED

WHEREAS, the City of Carson ("City") is a charter city organized under the Constitution and laws of the State of California and the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, California Constitution Article XI, section 3, Government Code section 34458, Elections Code section 9255, and City Charter section 111 authorize the City Council to propose amendments to the City Charter for submission to the voters; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-092, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City a measure proposing amendments to the City Charter (the "Charter Amendment Measure"), requesting consolidation with the statewide general election to be held on the same date, and requesting that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk conduct all necessary election services; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 26-092 provides that the text of the Charter Amendment Measure to be submitted to the voters is set forth in Exhibit "A" thereto and sets forth the ballot question for the Charter Amendment Measure; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, the City Council also adopted Resolution No. 26-093, setting priorities for filing written arguments and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis regarding the Charter Amendment Measure, and Resolution No. 26-094, providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments regarding the Charter Amendment Measure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 9605, an order of election may be amended upon the filing of a resolution by the legislative body stating the specifics concerning the amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to revise the duties of the City Treasurer by deleting subsections (8) and (9) of Section 502 of the City Charter, which address the City Treasurer's duties concerning the City's investment policy and investment committee; and

WHEREAS, to incorporate the additional proposed Charter amendment, the City Council desires to revise Exhibit "A" to Resolution No. 26-092 and revise the ballot question to reflect the Charter Amendment Measure as amended; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 26-094 contains a recital identifying the Charter sections included in the Charter Amendment Measure, and the addition of Section 502 to the Charter Amendment Measure requires a conforming amendment to that recital so that Resolution No. 26-094 accurately describes the measure as amended; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 26-093 does not identify the individual Charter sections included in the Charter Amendment Measure and requires no amendment as a result of the additional proposed Charter

amendment; and

WHEREAS, except as expressly amended by this Resolution, the City Council desires that Resolution Nos. 26-092 and 26-094 remain unchanged and in full force and effect, and that Resolution No. 26-093 remain unchanged and unaffected by this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. **Amendment to Title of Resolution No. 26-092.** The title of Resolution No. 26-092 is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY A CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE INCLUDING AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 301, 305, 306, 319, 502, AND 907 OF, AND ADDITION OF NEW SECTION 320 TO THE CITY CHARTER, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, AND REQUESTING THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK CONDUCT ALL NECESSARY ELECTION SERVICES"

Section 3. **Conforming Amendment to Recital of Resolution No. 26-092.** The final recital of Resolution No. 26-092 is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

"**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to submit a proposed Charter amendment measure including amendment of City Charter Sections 301, 305, 306, 319, 502, and 907, and addition of new Section 320, as set forth in Exhibit "A" to this Resolution, to the qualified voters of the City of Carson at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026 (the "Charter Amendment Measure"), and to request that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors consolidate the Charter Amendment Measure with the statewide general election to be held on the same date and authorize the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to conduct all necessary election services."

Section 4. **Amendment to Ballot Question.** The ballot question set forth in Resolution No. 26-092 is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety with the following:

Carson City Government Accountability, Charter Reform, No Tax Increase Measure. Shall the measure amending the Carson City Charter to require campaign contribution transparency; make the City Charter consistent with State law on referring ballot measures for voter approval; update term limits to increase voter options; update City Treasurer duties; clarify and clean up inconsistent or outdated language, be adopted?	YES
	NO

Section 5. **Amendment to Charter Amendment Measure and Exhibit "A" to Resolution No.**

26-092. The Charter Amendment Measure previously ordered submitted to the voters pursuant to Resolution No. 26-092 is hereby amended to additionally provide for the deletion in their entirety of subsections (8) and (9) of Section 502 of the City Charter. The revised Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference shall supersede and replace Exhibit "A" to Resolution No. 26-092 in its entirety as the text of the Charter Amendment Measure to be submitted to the voters at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

Section 6. **Conforming Amendment to Resolution No. 26-094.** The second recital of Resolution No. 26-094 is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

> "**WHEREAS**, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Carson, California, on November 3, 2026, at which there will be submitted to the voters a measure proposing amendments to Sections 301, 305, 306, 319, 502, and 907 of, and adding Section 320 to, the City Charter ("Charter Amendment Measure"); and"

The foregoing amendment is solely a conforming amendment to the description of the Charter Amendment Measure contained in Resolution No. 26-094 and does not amend or otherwise affect the rebuttal argument procedures established by Resolution No. 26-094.

Section 7. **Resolution No. 26-093.** Resolution No. 26-093, setting priorities for filing written arguments and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis regarding the Charter Amendment Measure, is not amended or otherwise affected by this Resolution and shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Section 8. **Continued Effect of Resolution Nos. 26-092 and 26-094.** Except as expressly amended by this Resolution, all terms and provisions of Resolution Nos. 26-092 and 26-094 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Section 9. **Filing and Election Administration.** The City Clerk/City's designated elections official is hereby authorized and directed to immediately file a certified copy of this Resolution and revised Exhibit "A" with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and to take any and all actions necessary to implement the amendments approved by this Resolution in connection with the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

Section 10. **Conforming Changes.** The City's designated elections official is hereby authorized and directed to make any non-substantive, clerical, formatting, or conforming changes to this Resolution, revised Exhibit "A," the ballot question, and related election materials as may be required by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk or applicable law, provided that such changes do not materially alter the Charter Amendment Measure approved by the City Council for submission to the voters.

Section 11. **Effective Date.** That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND **ADOPTED** this 12th day of August 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FROM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

CITY OF CARSON:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

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

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 26-098 adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on August 12, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Davis-Holmes, Hicks, Hilton, Rojas
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Dear

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

CHARTER SECTIONS TO BE AMENDED (ADDITIONS SHOWN IN *BOLD ITALICS* AND DELETIONS IN ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~):

Note: Portions of the listed sections which are not shown below are not amended.

SECTION 301. Elective Officers; Indemnification.

The elective officers of the City shall consist of four city council members, one directly elected mayor, a city clerk, and a city treasurer***, either through at large or district elections, as determined by the city council***. ***For any district elections, t***he members of the city council ~~and the mayor~~ shall be elected by the voters from ***their respective districts*** ~~the City at large~~ ***and the mayor shall be elected by a citywide vote*** at the time and in the manner provided in this Charter. ***For any at large elections, city council members and the mayor will be elected by a citywide vote.*** In the event that the population of the City exceeds one hundred thousand (100,000) residents, by resolution of the city council, the City may increase the elective officers of the City to six city council members, one directly elected mayor, a city clerk, and a city treasurer.

All elective officers shall serve for a term of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The elective officers in office at the time this Charter takes effect shall continue in office until the termination of their current terms and succeeding terms shall be likewise for four (4) years. ***There shall be no limit on the number of terms that elective officers may serve.*** The term of each elective officer shall commence no later than five days from the certification of the election results by the city council. Ties in voting among candidates for officer shall be settled by lot.

Elective officers and employees shall have the same indemnification rights as specified under California State law only.

SECTION 306. Vacancies.

B. Filling Vacancy. A vacancy on the city council, from whatever cause, may be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the city council, or by the calling of a special election if no appointment is made within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the vacancy. No person shall be eligible to fill a vacancy unless, at the time of appointment, they are a qualified elector of the City~~,~~ ***and*** have been domiciled in the City for at least sixty (60) days immediately preceding his or her appointment~~, and have not reached the term limit for city councilmembers pursuant to Section 305 of this Charter prior to, or during, their appointment to fill the vacancy~~. Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy on the city council shall serve the remaining unexpired term of the office. In the event it shall fail to fill a vacancy by appointment within sixty (60) days after such office shall become vacant, the city council shall cause an election to fill such vacancy to be held at the next available state election, but not less than 114 days from the call of the special election. The times and procedures for the calling of any special election to fill a city council vacancy may be established by City ordinance consistent with State law.

SECTION 319. Contracts; Property.

B. City Manager Authority to Contract. By ordinance or resolution the city council may authorize the city manager ***to approve any contract for any subject matter so long as such approval complies with applicable law. By ordinance or resolution the city council may also authorize the city manager*** to bind the City, with a written contract, including by purchase order, for the acquisition of equipment, materials, supplies, labor, services or other items included within the budget approved by the city council, and shall by ordinance impose a monetary limit upon such authority as authorized by this Charter.

D. Sale of Real Property. No real property of City ***may*** ~~shall~~ be sold, transferred or conveyed ***in fee*** without ~~a finding by the planning commission and~~ city council ***approval by resolution*** ~~as to the consistency of the sale with the general plan~~. Moreover, real property valued at more than two million five hundred thousand dollars ($2,500,000), may not be sold, transferred or conveyed except when approved by ordinance or resolution passed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the city council.

E. Acquisition of Real Property. Any real property which is sold, dedicated, or transferred to City ***in fee*** must be accepted by resolution of the city council.

SECTION 907. Limitation on Tax Authority.

(1) General Tax. The city council shall not impose, extend, or increase any general tax for general government purposes unless and until that tax is submitted to the electorate ***after a*** ~~by a two-thirds affirmative~~ ***majority affirmative*** vote of the city council and approved by a majority vote of the voters. A general tax shall not be deemed to have been increased if it is imposed at a rate not higher than the maximum rate so approved.

(2) Special Tax. The city council shall not impose, extend, or increase any special tax for specific purposes unless and until that tax is submitted to the electorate ***after a*** ~~by a two-thirds affirmative~~ ***majority affirmative*** vote of the city council and approved by a two-thirds vote of the voters. A special tax shall not be deemed to have been increased if it is imposed at a rate not higher than the maximum rate so approved.

CHARTER SECTION TO BE ADDED:

SECTION 320. Reporting of Campaign Donations.

Each City councilmember and mayor must comply with state disclosure laws for campaign donations. The City's local donation disclosure rules shall not be less stringent than those of the state; City may not increase the minimum donation reporting threshold to be higher than the dollar threshold required under state law.

CHARTER LANGUAGE TO BE REMOVED:

The City shall remove all references to a fixed year date contained in the provisions of the charter and Sections 305, 502 (8), 502 (9), and 907 (4) shall be deleted in their entirety.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CU

Measure CU was placed on the ballot by the Carson City Council and proposes amendments to specified provisions of the Carson City Charter. If adopted, Measure CU would amend the Charter as follows:

Measure CU would amend Section 301 to provide that City Councilmembers may be elected either at large or by district, as determined by the City Council.

Measure CU would add Section 320 incorporating State campaign-contribution disclosure requirements applicable to the Mayor and City Councilmembers into the Charter and provide that local disclosure requirements may not be less stringent than State law.

Section 907(1) &(2) currently require a two-thirds Council vote to submit a tax to voters. Measure CU would change that to require a majority affirmative vote for submission of a tax to the voters.

Measure CU would repeal Section 907(4), which places Charter-specific restrictions on additional taxes and certain environmental requirements applicable to oil refineries and petroleum-product storage facilities subject to the City's Oil Industry Business License Tax. Repeal would remove those restrictions, but would not itself impose or increase any tax.

The measure would repeal Section 305, which limits City Councilmembers to three four-year terms and clarifies all elective officers are not subject to term limits, and amend Section 301 to make it consistent with repeal of Section 305. This change clarifies that going forward all elective officers are not subject to term limits. Section 306 would also be amended to remove the related term-limit restriction on appointments to fill City Council vacancies.

The Charter permits the City Council to delegate specified contracting authority to the City Manager for budgeted acquisitions, subject to a monetary limit. Section 319 would permit the Council, by ordinance or resolution, to authorize the City Manager to approve contracts on any subject matter, subject to applicable state law.

Section 319 would also be amended regarding City real property. For property the City sells, transfers, or conveys in fee, the measure would eliminate the requirement for a Planning Commission finding regarding General Plan consistency and instead require City Council approval by resolution. The existing two-thirds Council-vote requirement for property valued above $2.5 million would remain. For property acquired by the City, Council acceptance by resolution would apply only to property acquired in fee.

Measure CU would delete Sections 502(8) and 502(9), removing Charter provisions assigning the City Treasurer specified investment-policy duties and requiring the Treasurer to chair an investment committee. The Treasurer's other Charter duties would remain.

The measure would also remove fixed-year references and make conforming and cleanup changes.

A “YES” vote on Measure CU is a vote in favor of the proposed Charter amendments. A “NO” vote on Measure CU is a vote against the proposed Charter amendments. Measure CU takes effect if approved by a majority of those voting on the measure and after acceptance and filing by the California Secretary of State.

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Sunny Soltani, City Attorney
City of Carson