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**November 3, 2026 Municipal Election - Call for Impartial Analysis and Selection of Argument Authors for One Measure: Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act (Charter Amendment)**

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**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt: 1) a **Resolution** directing the preparation of an impartial analysis for the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act, for inclusion in the November 3, 2026 Municipal Election official ballot; and 2) a **Resolution** authorizing members of the City Council to author arguments for the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act, that will be presented to the voters in the November 3, 2026 Municipal Election Voter Information Guide.

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**Attachments:**

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Resolution Directing the Preparation of an Impartial Analysis of Measure
- 3-Resolution Authorizing City Councilmembers to Author Arguments

**Description/Analysis**

**Issue Detail:** On July \_\_, 2026, the City Council adopted a resolution calling for the holding of a municipal election on November 3, 2026. In accordance with the Sacramento City Charter Section 152, regular city elections are to be consolidated with statewide elections. In accordance with California Elections Code section 9222, the council must adopt a resolution to place a measure on the ballot.

As provided in the California Elections Code section 9280, for any measure approved for placement on the ballot by the City Council, the City Council may direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney for preparation of an impartial analysis of the measure. The analysis is for the purpose of showing the effects of the measure on existing law and the operation of the

measure. The analysis shall be printed in the official Voter Information Guide preceding the arguments and shall not exceed 500 words. **The impartial analysis is due in the Office of the City Clerk no later than July 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** An impartial analysis will provide both the City of Sacramento and the voters of the city with impartial information regarding the measure.

To secure its position in the selection of ballot arguments for the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act, in the event the City Clerk receives more than one argument in support or opposition of the measure, the City Council may select who will author and file the ballot argument(s) on the City Council's behalf. This action will ensure that the City Council's argument(s) have priority selection for printing in the official Voter Information Guide pursuant to the selection criteria in California Elections Code section 9287. If the City Council, or authorized member(s), do not submit an argument for a City Council measure, any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may submit an argument in support of or opposition to any measure.

Up to five authors' names will be printed with the argument. If the City Council, as a body, chooses to submit an argument, at least one of the Councilmembers should be designated as an author.

If more than one argument is received for a given position, the City Clerk will follow the selection criteria outlined in the Sacramento City Code section 1.16.070, which provides for the following author priority: the city council, or any council member(s) authorized by the city council, or charter officer, or department director, or any individual eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations.

Prior to an election, the City shall adopt a resolution that establishes regulations for the preparation of ballot arguments. **The primary arguments are due in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2026.** Both supporting and opposing arguments must be received in order for a rebuttal argument to be submitted. If arguments, both supporting and opposing the measure, are appropriately received, each side will be given the opportunity to provide a written rebuttal. **The rebuttal arguments are due in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026.**

**Policy Considerations:** The actions outlined in this report are in accordance with the Sacramento City Code, Sacramento City Charter, and the California Elections Code.

**Economic Impacts:** None.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The proposed action is not a project under CEQA because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines §15378(b)(5).)

**Sustainability:** Not applicable.

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not applicable.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The recommendations are consistent with standard practice, the Sacramento City Code, and the California Elections Code.

**Financial Considerations:** None.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not applicable.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 202X-XXXX**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Month XX, 202X

### **Directing the City Attorney to Prepare an Impartial Analysis of the Charter Amendment Regarding Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act, Approved by the City Council to be Submitted to the Voters at the Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2026**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. On July \_\_\_, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution 202X-XXXX, known as the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act, which charter amendment is subject to approval by the voters.
- B. On July \_\_\_, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution 202X-XXXX approving for placement on the November 3, 2026 ballot a question pertaining to the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act.
- C. The City of Sacramento desires to have an impartial analysis of the measure.

#### **BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

##### **SECTION 1.**

The City Council hereby directs the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure pertaining to the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act, showing the measure's effect on existing law and its operation. The impartial analysis is not to exceed 500 words, and the City Attorney shall file it with the City Clerk no later than July 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

##### **SECTION 2.**

The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause the impartial analysis to be printed in the official voter information guide for the November 3, 2026, Municipal Election.

**SECTION 3.**

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the Sacramento County Office of Voter Registration and Elections.

**RESOLUTION NO. 202X-XXXX**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Month XX, 202X

**Authorizing the City Council or Members of the City Council to Submit Written Argument(s) for the Charter Amendment Regarding the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act, Approved by the City Council to be Submitted to the Voters at the Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2026**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. On July \_\_\_, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution 202X-XXXX, known as the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act, which charter amendment is subject to approval by the voters.
- B. On July \_\_\_, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution 202X-XXXX approving for placement on the November 3, 2026 ballot a question pertaining to the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act.
- C. The City Council desires to submit argument(s) for the measure.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.**

Argument for/support:

The City Council hereby authorizes the following members, on behalf of the Council, to file a written argument in favor/in support of the ballot measure/charter amendment pertaining to the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION 2.**

Argument against/opposing:

The City Council hereby authorizes the following members, on behalf of the Council, to file a written argument against/in opposition of the ballot measure/charter amendment pertaining to the Sacramento City Employees' Retirement System Termination Act:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION 3.**

The arguments shall be prepared in accordance with the California Elections Code and the resolution pertaining to the regulations of ballot arguments (Resolution 202X-XXXX).

## **SECTION 4.**

The primary arguments are due in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2026. If arguments, both in support and in opposition, are appropriately received, each side will be given the opportunity to provide a written rebuttal. The rebuttal arguments are due in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026.