



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 29, 2014

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Tom Bates

Subject: Ratifying Actions Taken on March 11, 2014 to Place Ordinance No. 7,320 on the November 4, 2014 Ballot and File an Action to Determine the District Boundaries to be Used for the November 2014 General Municipal Election

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ratify the following actions taken on March 11, 2014:

1. Place Ordinance No. 7,320 on the November 4, 2014 ballot pursuant to provisions for a Referendum in the City Charter and the Elections Code; and
2. File an action in court to determine the district boundaries to be used for the November 2014 General Municipal Election.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS:

The City has received two letters challenging the Council's vote on March 11, 2014 to place the redistricting ordinance the Council adopted in December 2013 (Ordinance No. 7,320), which had been referended, on the November 2014 ballot. The letters also challenge the Council's direction to initiate litigation to determine which Council district boundaries apply for the November election. Both of these challenges were based on alleged violations of the Brown Act.

I was the maker of the motion for these actions and I believe they were appropriate based on the item that was on the Agenda at that meeting. However, in order to alleviate any concerns about this, I have submitted this item so that the Council can ratify the actions taken in March.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

No impact

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