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ACTION CALENDAR

June 3, 2014

(Continued from May 20, 2014)

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Zach Cowan, City Attorney

Subject: Ballot Measures Nov. 2014: Discussion and Possible Action

RECOMMENDATION

Consider the draft ballot label for the “corporate personhood” advisory measure.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Council needs to adopt language for the ballot question for the advisory measure calling for a constitutional amendment to end corporate personhood. Staff has drafted a ballot label for the Council’s consideration, which is adapted from the resolution adopted by the Council on May 6, 2014 Council meeting.

Should the United States Constitution be amended to abolish the legal concept that corporations can be considered persons for purposes of the First Amendment, and the doctrine that the expenditure of money may be treated as speech?

The Council should discuss this draft language and make any changes appropriate to better reflect its decision in this matter.

BACKGROUND

On May 6, 2014, the Council approved item A on the revised agenda, to place a measure on the November ballot calling for a constitutional amendment to end corporate personhood.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

See "Background".

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A

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