



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

City of Anaheim OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2019
FROM: OFFICES OF THE CITY CLERK AND CITY ATTORNEY
SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO REFLECT THE CITY'S BY DISTRICT ELECTION SYSTEM

ATTACHMENT (Y/N): YES **ITEM # 29**

REQUESTED ACTION:

That the City Council introduce an ordinance amending various sections of the Anaheim Municipal Code relating to City boards and commissions to require a majority vote of the City Council to ratify the appointment of a by-district or mayoral nomination.

DISCUSSION:

Under Council Policy 1.6, at the request of Mayor Sidhu, amendments to Ordinance No. 6401 (Anaheim Municipal Code Chapter 1.04) are being presented to consider the manner in which board and commission members are appointed. Specifically, the proposed amendments require an affirmative majority vote of the City Council to ratify each district and at-large nomination of a board of commission member. The proposed amendments continue to require that district residents receive priority in the nomination/appointment process.

The proposed amendments to the Municipal Code do not contemplate any other changes to the appointment process, including the term of office, board/commission composition and responsibilities, etc. The proposed amendments are intended to maintain district-based representation, while ensuring that all appointments are reflective of the City, as a whole. The intent is to promote good governance, given that City boards and commissions serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

The proposed ordinance amending the relevant sections of Anaheim Municipal Code Chapter 1.04 is attached, along with a redlined version detailing the changes to the Code. If the Council introduces the proposed ordinance, it is recommended that Council continue the scheduled appointments listed on the January 15 agenda. If introduced, the ordinance will be presented for Council adoption on January 29, 2019 and will not take effect for 30 days, i.e., on February 28, 2019. Staff will be prepared to present the scheduled appointments at the March 5 Council meeting and will notify all incumbents and applicants of the revised timeline. There will be no immediate impact to current board and commission members, as incumbents will remain seated until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Background:

On March 21, 2017, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6401, altering the method by which board and commission members were appointed in order to make the commissions reflective of the City's by district election system.

The by district appointment method required the majority of city boards and commissions (all but the Sister City Commission and the Library Board) to be restructured. The ordinance provided for one direct appointment per district council member and the mayor (at-large appointment), with officials being required to give priority to eligible district residents and to make their selections at a public meeting. To further accomplish the restructuring, an adjustment was made to the membership of the Housing and Community Development Commission, increasing the Commission from seven (7) to nine (9) members. This increase allowed for a direct district-member appointment to a seven-member Commission, while accounting for the two (2) at-large tenant members required under the Housing Authorities Law of the Health and Safety Code. Ordinance No. 6401 also required board and commission members to be residents of the City at the time of appointment and during their tenure of service, with the exception of the Sister City Commission, as well as the commissions regulated by the City Charter, whose members are required to be eligible electors of the City.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

There is no budgetary impact. Costs associated with amending sections of the Municipal Code are supported by the City departments providing support and liaison to the respective boards and commissions.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fabela
City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Ordinance 6401
2. Proposed Ordinance
3. Redline of changes to AMC Chapter 1.04