Official Sample Ballot
City of Redondo Beach
General Municipal Election
March 7, 2023

Ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day

This is a Vote By Mail election
More information inside.
INFORMATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL

For this ALL Vote by Mail ballot election, your official ballot is included with this packet, do not discard it.

A postage paid lavender “Ballot Return ID Envelope” is included with your ballot. Here’s what you have to do for your ballot to be counted:

- Vote your ballot when you get it - the ballot stub shall be removed and retained by the voter.
- Check the “Ballot Return ID Envelope” to make sure your name is on it.
- Place your voted ballot inside the lavender return envelope and seal it.
- Sign your own signature and date. If someone else signs your envelope, your ballot cannot be counted. Signatures are verified with your voter registration and driver’s license. Print your name and RESIDENTIAL address; do not use a P.O. Box number.

You are now ready to return your Vote by Mail ballot! You do not have to add postage, it is pre-paid for you.

VERY IMPORTANT – RETURN YOUR BALLOT EARLY
How to Vote a Ballot

Mark Your Ballot
Blacken the box ( ) that appears next to your choice:

Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen. Do not use red ink pens, sharpies, markers or any other type of pen. Complete the front and back side of the ballot.

Do not sign your name, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your voted ballot.

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate:

1. Write their name on the blank line at the end of the list of candidates.
2. Then blacken the box that appears next to the write-in line.

Qualified write-in candidates, if any, will be posted 13 days before Election Day on our website at: https://redondo.org/elections

Check your ballot carefully! If you make a mistake ask for a new ballot.

Don’t vote for too many
Vote for the number allowed
Always blacken the box
FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE

Pursuant to federal law, voter information and sample ballots have also been translated in the following language(s):

SPANISH:
Si usted desea recibir sin costo alguno una copia traducida de la boleta y de la boleta de muestra, por favor sírvase llamar por teléfono a la Oficina del Actuario Municipal al número de teléfono que figura en la lista de la cubierta de atrás de este folleto.

If you would like a copy of the translated ballot and sample ballot, at no cost to you, please telephone:
The City Clerk’s Office at 310-318-0656

Voter Information Pamphlet

The following pages contain:

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Each Candidate's Statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at their expense.
FOR CITY CLERK

ELEANOR MANZANO
Occupation: Redondo Beach City Clerk

I have been a resident of Redondo Beach for 39 plus years, and currently serve as your elected City Clerk. I am honored to have served for the last 16 years and hope to continue to serve this great city of Redondo Beach and its residents.

I hold a bachelor’s degree in Computer Information Systems as well as being a Certified Municipal Clerk, in which I received the Award of Distinction from the City Clerks Association of California for Special Projects Award – Elections.

I have over 39 years of experience as an accountant in Municipal Government and private industry.

I have conducted 18 elections. This included seven successful All Mail Ballots, and the last special election had the most voter turnout in history, making it easier to vote in the convenience of your home. We need to continue to educate registered voters of all ages that Your Vote Does Make a Difference!

I’m grateful for your support. If reelected, my goals for the next four years include to always have a live person answering your phone call at the City Clerk’s Office. In addition, I will work to provide our citizens easier access to government records and provide viewable online building permits.

Please vote Eleanor Manzano for Redondo Beach City Clerk on March 7!

s/Eleanor Manzano
FOR CITY TREASURER

EUGENE J. SOLOMON
Occupation: Business Owner

A dedicated Redondo Beach resident who has lived, volunteered and worked in the South Bay for over 30 years.

A proud small business owner with a strong history of revenue generation and prudent financial management.

Previously worked as a Financial Advisor and Registered Representative having passed Series 6 & 63 Securities Exams.

In the last five years, I’ve developed a deep understanding of our city budget and investment portfolios, in no small part due to my role as Former Chairman and now current member of the Budget & Finance Commission.

As Chairman of the Budget & Finance Commission I helped spearhead the City’s review of ongoing and rising pension obligations. As a result, our City Council refinanced the City’s pension debt through a bond issuance. Our pension bond refinancing saved us nearly $100 million in the next 28 years. The City’s savings can help fund capital projects across Redondo Beach.

Member, Redondo Beach Budget and Finance Commission

Vice-Chairman, Redondo Beach Charter Review Advisory Committee

Unanimous support of the Budget & Finance Commissioners

Endorsed by Mayor Brand and City Council members Loewenstein, Obagi, Nehrenheim.

Please vote EUGENE J. SOLOMON for Redondo Beach City Treasurer.

www.solomonforredondo.com

310-387-5517

s/Eugene J. Solomon
MATTHEW KILROY
Occupation: Retired RBUSD Teacher

As a resident and volunteer of almost 40 years, and over 30 years’ experience serving in leadership positions on numerous Redondo Beach Commissions I am asking for your support as Redondo Beach Treasurer. As City Councilman I served on the City’s Audit Committee reviewing revenues, assets, and expenditures on a regular basis. I already have the knowledge to serve you from day one.

We are facing uncertain times. My knowledge of City finances will be vital to protecting your tax dollars from loss and erosion of value. I believe in protecting Redondo Beach’s portfolio with safety, liquidity, and yield in mind. The role of the Treasurer is to protect YOUR Money. It belongs to you. The first qualification of the job is INTEGRITY. I have a 30-year record of trust and honesty in government. I have decades of experience as treasurer and auditor.

I will be your watchdog to make sure your tax dollars are safeguarded by conducting audits, and ensuring the City complies with standard accounting practices and policies. I am dedicated to providing the highest quality service at the lowest cost in a transparent and open manner. I respectfully ask for your vote.

To learn more, visit www.MattKilroy.com.

s/ Matthew Kilroy
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BYUNG CHO
Occupation: Businessman/Father

I want to elevate our award-winning School District from great to excellent.

My wife, Sung, and I have three amazing kids at Redondo Union High School, Adams Middle School, and Washington Elementary School. As a longtime volunteer and dedicated parent, I understand our District’s strengths and challenges.

- Identify the unique talents and needs of every child: Develop the talents and fulfill the needs
- Emphasize fundamentals: reading, writing, math, science, and art.
- Recruit and retain excellent teachers.
- Provide innovative curricula that enable students to thrive in career or college.
- Ensure a physically and intellectually safe environment for learning and expression.

My educational/community leadership experience includes:
- President, Washington Elementary School Site Council
- Parliamentarian, Washington Elementary PTA
- Historian, Redondo Union High School PTSA
- Parliamentarian, Redondo Beach Council PTA
- Den Leader, Cub Scout Pack 555
- Volunteer, Girl Scout Troop 6615
- Supporter, Redondo Beach Educational and Police Foundations
- Moderator, Presbytery of the Pacific
- Member, Northwestern University Alumni Admission Council

In addition, I manage a complex investment firm and would like to share my learning with the District.

From great to excellent, in every classroom, for each child.

Please contact me:
Byung4RedondoSchools@gmail.com
www.RB4RB.com

I respectfully ask for your vote to achieve this goal.

Thank you.

s/Byung Cho
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

JEROME CHANG
Occupation: Educator, Architect

I come from a family of teachers. My wife has taught for 20+ years in Torrance Unified and I have been an instructor at UCLAx and Otis College. I therefore have a deep understanding and appreciation of what it takes to create successful learning environments.

After graduating from Harvard and Cornell, I started my own architectural firm where I develop projects that require bringing together multiple disciplines and various stakeholders. Successful projects are a product of their design, and I believe our schools can be designed to create greater success for our students.

Both my children are in the Redondo Beach Unified School District. I have served as school site council representative, raised funds for the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation and have formally worked with Los Angeles County to protect the health and safety of our students.

I’m deeply invested in making Redondo Beach schools the best they can be. Since becoming an Eagle Scout, I learned the value of teamwork. Together we can build on the strengths of our school district and make improvements that create even more opportunities for our students to succeed.

Please visit VoteJeromeChang.com to see my Great Schools by Design Plan.

It would be my honor to receive your vote.

s/Jerome Chang
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RAYMUR FLINN
Occupation: School Board Member

During my first term I governed under unprecedented circumstances and now seek re-election as the sole candidate running with School Board experience.

My agenda has a clear, measurable goal - meet students where they are and raise them up.

- Always put children first
- Deliver the best possible education for all students
- Prepare kids for success in career or college
- Ensure campus safety
- Provide the most innovative, rigorous curriculum
- Attract and retain the most qualified educators

My service to our School District has spanned decades in several responsible roles.

The relationships I valued during 12+ years of PTA leadership reinforced my belief in the irreplaceable role of parental engagement in students’ academic success.

I seek the views of all community voices and encourage you to contact me at raymurforsb@gmail.com or my website rb4rb.com.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue my service to RBUSD.

s/Raymur Flinn
ANALYSES: The Impartial Analyses provided in this pamphlet provide an impartial analysis of the results of each of the proposed measures.

The following pages contain:

ARGUMENTS: Arguments and/or rebuttal arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.
CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CT

Measure CT ("Measure") was placed on the March 7, 2023 General Municipal Election Ballot by the Redondo Beach City Council. If approved, the measure would amend the Redondo Beach Municipal Code to authorize the City of Redondo Beach to impose a general tax on cannabis and industrial hemp business activities within the City.

Cannabis businesses activities as defined in the ordinance are any business activity involving cannabis or industrial hemp, including but not limited to cultivating, transporting, distributing, manufacturing, compounding, converting, processing, preparing, storing, packaging, delivering, testing, dispensing, retailing, and wholesaling of cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp, industrial hemp products or of ancillary products and accessories.

Personal cannabis cultivation or use is exempt from this tax.

The Measure authorizes tax rates of:
• A minimum of 3 percent and a maximum of 9 percent of gross receipts for retail sales of cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp, and/or industrial hemp products;
• A minimum of 1 percent and a maximum of 3 percent of gross receipts for manufacturing, processing, distribution and testing laboratories for cannabis businesses.

If approved by the voters, the City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, increase or decrease the rate of the cannabis business tax, medicinal cannabis business tax, and the cannabis business tax on hemp or hemp products including the initial rate of these taxes. The Council cannot set the rate below the minimum or above the maximum tax rate. This tax will be levied until repealed by the voters.

This Cannabis Business Tax is expected to generate an estimated $300,000 to $900,000 in tax revenue annually. The revenue will be deposited into the City’s General Fund and may be used for any City government purpose, as determined by the City Council.

The ordinance establishes processes for registration, collection, enforcement, and tax appeals. It has provisions addressing delinquency of tax, including penalties and interest. The ordinance also establishes audit and examination of records requirements.

Each and every material violation of the ordinance is deemed a misdemeanor.

Payment of the tax does not authorize illegal or unlawful cannabis business activities, nor does it entitle a person to engage in illegal or unlawful cannabis business activities in violation of any local or State law.

Because the proposed Cannabis Business Tax would be imposed for general municipal governmental purposes, the ballot measure proposes a "General tax" as defined by Article XIII of the California Constitution. Accordingly, for the ballot measure to be adopted, it must receive a simple majority (over 50%) of yes votes.

Pursuant to the California Constitution, Article XIIIC(2)(b) and California Elections Code § 9217, if a majority of the voters voting in the election on this measure vote in favor of the adoption of this measure, this ordinance shall be deemed valid and
binding and shall be considered adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the City Council and shall go into effect ten (10) days after that date.

A “yes” vote on Measure CT is a vote to establish a new Cannabis Business Tax. A “no” vote is a vote against the establishment of the tax.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure CT. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the City Clerk’s Office (310) 318-0656 or email the same at cityclerk@redondo.org and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure and other election material from the internet of the City’s website at: http://www.redondo.org

s/Michael W. Webb
City Attorney
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CT

Vote YES on Measure CT -- a common sense cannabis business tax. California voters approved the legalization of adult-use of cannabis. The State hasn’t, however, provided Redondo Beach any funding to cover costs associated with regulating cannabis businesses.

The City Council developed a responsible permitting process for two Redondo Beach stores, one in North Redondo and one in South Redondo. With Measure CT, we expect to safely recognize the legal cannabis that is already in our community, protect our neighborhoods and quality of life. Without Measure CT, oversight of this new industry will impact our ability to fund other services – such as street repairs, our public safety departments and a desired cannabis education and prevention campaign for our youth.

All Measure CT revenue will be subject to Redondo Beach’s annual audit and public oversight. Every penny will be used for the City of Redondo Beach, to benefit our community. We must ensure our City can adequately fund monitoring and enforcement tools to protect public health and safety, and combat black market cannabis.

For that reason, Measure CT sets a tax rate that can be adjusted by the City Council to better support the regulated cannabis market, incentivizing consumers to buy legal, tested products, while generating significant new revenue for Redondo Beach. Mindful of the dynamic nature of the cannabis market, Measure CT allows the City Council to decrease or increase these tax rates based on market conditions.

Measure CT ensures that cannabis businesses pay their fair share on their gross receipts. Measure CT does not authorize any additional cannabis businesses. It simply preserves our ability to apply a local tax to cannabis retailers as they profit from operating here. Measure CT is supported by the Mayor and Council, residents, community leaders and healthcare professionals.

Please vote Yes on Measure CT.

s/Zein E. Obagi, Jr.
Redondo Beach Council Member, District 4

s/Wayne Craig
Redondo Beach Resident
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CA1

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY AMEND
REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Note: New provisions or language added to the existing charter section are shown
in **boldface** type; words and figures deleted from the existing charter section are
shown in *strikeout* type.)

Sec. 19. Public works, contracts.
Every contract involving an expenditure of more than **fifty two hundred** thousand
dollars ($5200,000.00) for public works projects, including the construction of
improvements of public buildings, streets, drains, sewers, utilities, parks and
playgrounds shall be let either to: (1) the lowest responsible bidder, after notice by
publication in the official newspaper by one or more insertions, the first of which
shall be published at least ten (10) days before the time for opening bids; or (2) the
best value design-builds entity or best value design-build-operate entity responding
to a request for proposals.

Public works projects of **fifty two hundred** thousand dollars ($5200,000.00) or less
may be let to contract by informal bid procedures as shall be set by the City Council
by ordinance.

Public works projects of **fifteen sixty** thousand dollars ($1560,000.00) or less may be
performed by employees of the City by force account, by negotiated contract or by
purchase order.

The Council may by ordinance with four-fifths (4/5ths) vote amend each of the
above dollar limits by no more than twenty-five percent (25%), and no less than
five (5) years between amendments.

The Council may reject any and all bids received whenever in the opinion of the City
Council:
(a) The bid or bids do not strictly comply with the notice and specifications.
(b) The Council finds and determines that the proposed project or purchase should
be abandoned.
(c) The Council finds and determines that the materials may be purchased more
reasonably on the open market and the work done cheaper by day or City labor.
(d) The Council determines that the bids are higher than anticipated and a new call
for bids would result in savings to the City.
(e) The Council determines that it would be in the best interest of the City to delay
the work or purchase for an indefinite period of time.
(f) The best interests of the City would be served by a rejection of all bids.
(g) The proposal is not suitable for the project.

*19—as amended by election 4-11-67, 3-7-89 and 3-6-01.

Sec. 19.1. Competitive bidding, when not required.
It shall not be necessary for the City Council to publish notice calling for bids or to
receive bids as required in Article XIX, Section 19, in the following cases:
(a) Where the proposed work consists of maintenance or repair, **as defined by the
City Council by ordinance or resolution.**
(b) When the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, finds and determines that the work may be done more reasonably either on a daily basis or by the use of City labor, and/or materials may be purchased as cheaply on the open market.

(c) When the City Council by four-fifths (4/5) vote expressed in its official minutes finds and determines that an emergency exists and it is necessary to immediately contract for such work and/or materials in order to protect and preserve life or property.

(d) When the proposed services are not competitive or are to be furnished by a public utility.

(e) On all purchases of supplies or materials under $5,000.00, providing such purchases are approved by the City Manager.

*19.1—COMPETITIVE BIDDING, WHEN NOT REQUIRED—as amended by election 4-13-65.

Sec. 19.7. Contracts, progress payments.
All contracts entered into by or on behalf of the City of Redondo Beach may provide for percentage payments at various stages of the work contracted for provided, however, that at least ten (10) five (5) per cent of the total sums payable by the City of Redondo Beach under any public works contract shall be withheld until the work is approved by the department head and accepted by the City Council. The City Council shall not accept complete performance under any contract until satisfactory evidence is furnished that all labor and material liens have been completely satisfied by the contractor.

Sec. 19.9. Municipal purchases.
The City Council by ordinance, upon recommendation of the City Manager, shall provide for the purchase of all equipment, materials, supplies, labor, or services by the City through the City Manager or through some official, employee or department recommended by him, subject to other provisions of this Charter, and in accordance with such regulations as may be deemed advisable by the City Manager and the City Council.
Measure CA1 (“Measure”) was placed on the March 7, 2023 General Municipal Election Ballot by the Redondo Beach City Council. The measure proposes to amend four sections of Article XIX of the Redondo Beach City Charter.

If approved, this measure would amend Sections 19 (Public Works, Contracts), 19.1 (Competitive bidding, when not required), 19.7 (Contracts, progress payments) and 19.9 (Municipal purchases) to update, modify, and clarify requirements contained in these sections, as follows:

Section 19 of the City Charter currently provides that contracts for public works projects involving the expenditure of more than $50,000.00 are to be either advertised and awarded through a formal public bidding process to the lowest responsible bidder or awarded to the best value design-build entity responding to a request for proposals. A public works project of $50,000.00 or less may be awarded to contract by informal bid process. Public works projects of $15,000.00 or less may be performed by employees of the City, by negotiated contract, or by purchase order. These dollar figures have not been updated to account for inflation since 1989.

The measure would amend the current amounts by: 1) increasing the threshold for public works projects required to go through a formal bid process or design-build to projects more than $200,000 (from the current more than $50,000); 2) allowing public works projects to be awarded by informal bid process if they are $200,000 or less (from the current $50,000 or less; and 3) allowing public works projects of $60,000 or less (up from the current $15,000 or less) to be performed by employees of the City, by negotiated contract, or by purchase order.

The measure would also allow the City Council to further increase these amounts without another public vote. The Council would be able to amend each of the above dollar amount limits by no more than 25% if done by an ordinance approved by 4/5 of the Council members and no more frequently than 5 years since last amended.

Section 19.1 currently provides exceptions where it is not necessary to publish notice calling for bids or to receive bids as otherwise required in Section 19. This includes proposed work consisting of maintenance or repair, but no definition of what constitutes maintenance or repair is provided.

The measure would amend the charter to allow the City Council to define these terms by ordinance or resolution.

Section 19.7 currently requires that at least 10% of the total sums payable by the City of Redondo Beach under any contract shall be withheld until the work is approved by the department head and accepted by the City Council.

The measure would lower the requirement to at least 5% to make it consistent with current State law and clarify that it only applies to public works contracts.

Section 19.9 currently provides for the purchase of all materials by the City through the City Manager or designee subject to other provisions of this Charter and in accordance with other regulations.

The measure would expand the purchases permitted under this section beyond materials to also include equipment, supplies, labor, or services.

s/Michael W. Webb
City Attorney
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CA1

Vote “Yes” on Measure CA1

Measure CA1 will save Redondo time and money on Public Works projects.

Redondo’s City Charter is our Constitution

It’s hard to get changes into voter’s hands and most of the Charter has not been updated in decades.

A “Yes” vote on CA1 will update Sections 19.1-19.9 public contracting numbers and procedures to reflect current budgetary conditions and allow flexibility for future changes to be made.

The existing language has contracts of $50,000 or more, needing to be advertised and awarded through a time intensive formal bidding process. Contracts of less than $15,000 may be awarded through an informal process.

These amounts have been fixed by the Charter and do not reflect the impact of inflationary trends as costs of construction have risen exponentially since the numbers were last amended decades ago.

Increasing the currently outdated figures will dramatically improve Redondo Beach’s ability to address Public Works projects in a timelier and more cost-effective way.

Our current below market numbers have caused delays in responding to smaller projects that could have otherwise been addressed immediately.

Measure CA1 is no “Blank Check” to the City Council. Rather, a measured and necessary improvement to our city processes and procedures that is long overdue

Measure CA1 allows future increases to be made by City Council with strict guidelines in place.

CA1 proposes any future change must be made by Ordinance with at least two meetings required for passage.

Amendments to the dollar amount(s) requiring 4/5ths vote of the City Council

No less than five years between increases

No more than 25% increase at any one time

In a time where expenses are changing rapidly CA1 aides in cost control while improving quality of life for residents.

Vote “Yes” on CA1

s/Nils H. Nehrenheim
Mayor Pro Tempore

s/Rolf Curtis Strutzenberg
Charter Review Committee, Chair

s/Katherine Korman-Sooper
Recreation & Parks Commissioner

s/Craig Funabashi
Public Works Commissioner

s/Eugene J Solomon
Budget & Finance Commissioner
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CA2

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY AMEND SECTION 20.1 OF ARTICLE XX OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Note: New provisions or language added to the existing charter section are shown in **BOLDFACE type**; words and figures deleted from the existing charter section are shown in **strikeout type**.)

Sec. 20.1. Approval of demands.

All demands shall, prior to payment, be approved by the City Manager and the City Clerk. Prior to the approval of any demands by them, they shall satisfy themselves that the amount is legally due supplies, materials, property or services for which payment is claimed, have been actually delivered or rendered, that the payment, authorized by law, is just and fair, and that appropriation for the same has been made. All payrolls shall be certified by the respective department heads and approved by the City Manager.
CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS FOR MEASURE CA2

Measure CA2 ("Measure") was placed on the March 7, 2023 General Municipal Election Ballot by the Redondo Beach City Council. The measure proposes to amend Section 20.1 of Article XX of the Redondo Beach City Charter.

The Charter provides that no payments shall be made from the City Treasury or out of the funds of the City unless authorized by law or the Charter and until a demand is approved as provided in the Charter.

Currently, Section 20.1 requires that all demands shall, prior to payment, be approved by the City Manager and the City Clerk. Prior to the approval of any demands by them, they shall satisfy themselves that the supplies, materials, property or services for which payment is claimed, have been actually delivered or rendered, that the payment, authorized by law, is just and fair, and that appropriation for the same has been made.

This measure if approved will amend Section 20.1 to eliminate the requirement that “the supplies, materials, property or services for which payment is claimed, have been actually delivered or rendered” prior to approval of any demand. The measure will replace it with the requirement that the “amount is legally due” prior to approval of any demand.

Approval of the measure will allow the City to contract with those vendors that require a deposit or other payment prior to delivering or rendering supplies, materials, property or services.

A “yes” vote on Measure CA2 is a vote to allow payment before the supplies, materials, property or services for which payment is claimed, have been actually delivered or rendered. A “no” vote is a vote to keep the requirement that the supplies, materials, property or services for which payment is claimed, have been actually delivered or rendered prior to approving payment.

s/Michael W. Webb
City Attorney
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CA2

Vote “Yes” on Measure CA2

Measure CA2 will save Redondo time and money

The Redondo City Charter is our Constitution.

Measure CA2 will allow an amendment to the City Charter section 20.1 that has not been updated in decades.

Voting “Yes” to CA2 updating Section 20.1 of our City Charter will permit Redondo to pay negotiated deposits for purchases of goods and materials.

By amending the City Charter to allow for deposits on contracts, Redondo gets needed tools for optimal pricing in our negotiating process.

Additionally, updating this section provides for the advanced ordering of critical equipment expediting Public Works projects in the city.

Measure CA2;

Improves Negotiating leverage

Accelerates project completion

Saves money by securing pricing in advance decreasing potential for increases to cost of goods and services. Some project builds take months or years, this change will help control costs on longer term Capital Improvement Projects

In a time of rising costs of goods and a tougher marketplace for services the added flexibility provided by adopting Measure CA2 makes sense for Redondo

Voting “Yes” on CA2 saves taxpayer’s money

s/Nils H. Nehrenheim
Mayor Pro Tempore

s/Rolf Curtis Strutzenberg
Charter Review Committee, Chair

s/Katherine Korman-Sooper
Recreation & Parks Commissioner

s/Mark Narain
Charter Review Committee Member

s/Eugene J Solomon
Budget & Finance Commissioner
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CA3

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY AMEND TWENTY-SIX SECTIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(NOTE: New provisions or language added to the existing charter section are shown in **BOLDFACE** type; words and figures deleted from the existing charter section are shown in **strikeout** type.)

Article VI. City Council

Sec. 6. Number and term.*

The City Council shall consist of five (5) members elected from the City by districts, at the times and in the manner in this Charter provided, and who shall serve for a term of four (4) years. All members shall take office on the first day of the month following the general municipal election; except that a person elected at a run-off election shall take office after the canvass of votes and upon installation pursuant to law. Each member shall serve until his such member’s successor is elected and qualified.

*6—as amended by election 3-5-85.

Sec. 6.1. Eligibility.*

No person shall be eligible to file as a candidate for or hold office as a member of the City Council unless such person shall be registered to vote at an address within the district he(she) such person seeks to represent at the time of filing his(her) nomination papers, and shall have been a resident of the City for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of such filing. In addition, the candidate for City Council either by election or appointment, shall have been a resident of the district which such person seeks to represent for at least thirty (30) days immediately prior to filing his(her) such person’s nomination papers or the date of his(her) such person’s appointment.

*6.1—as amended by election 6-6-78 and 3-7-95.

Sec. 6.4. Vacancies; special election.*

Any vacancy in the City Council, or any elective office, shall be filled as follows:

(a) If less than two (2) years remain in the unexpired term of the vacant office, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the majority of the remaining members of the City Council within thirty (30) days following the vacancy. The Mayor shall not have the right to veto any Council appointment made pursuant to this section, but may vote to break a tie. If the Council fails to fill the vacancy as provided herein, the Mayor shall make such appointment within fifteen (15) days following the Council’s failure to fill the vacancy. Any appointee shall hold office until the first day of the month following the next General Municipal Election and until his such appointee’s successor is elected and qualified.

(b) If two (2) years or more remain in the unexpired term of the vacant office, the City Council shall forthwith order a special election to be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

*6.4—as amended by election 4-12-55 and 11-2-82.

Sec. 6.5. Vacancy, declared by Council.

If a member of the City Council is absent from all regular meetings of the City Council for four (4) consecutive regular meetings from and after the last regular City
Council meeting, attended by such Councilman unless by permission of the City Council as evidenced by its official minutes, or is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, or ceases to be a resident of the district from which he was elected, his office shall become vacant and shall be so declared by the City Council.

Article VII. Districts

Sec. 7. City Council districts.*
The City shall be divided into five (5) districts, within its corporate limits, for all elections of Councilmen. Council districts shall be as nearly equal in population as practicable and in compliance with State and Federal law. Council districts in existence upon the effective date of the Charter Amendment shall continue to exist until altered as provided in Section 7.1.

*7, 7.1—as amended by election 4-12-55 and 11-2-82.

Article VIII. The Mayor

Sec. 8. Mayor, election, term and compensation.*
The Mayor shall be elected from the City at large and shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties and shall receive a salary which shall be set by ordinance in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the salaries of councilmen pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 36516 as it now exists or as it may be hereafter amended by the State Legislature.

*8—as amended by election 4-13-65 and 4-11-67.

Sec. 8.1. Mayor, eligibility.*
No person shall be eligible to file as a candidate or hold office as Mayor unless such person shall be a registered voter of the City of Redondo Beach at the time of filing his nomination papers and shall have been a resident of the City for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of such filing or appointment.

*8.1—as amended by election 6-6-78 and 3-7-95.

Sec. 8.3. Mayor, presiding officer.
He shall be the executive head of the City of Redondo Beach for the purposes hereinafter set forth:
(a) He shall preside over the meetings of the City Council.
(b) He shall be the representative of the City for all ceremonial purposes.
(c) He shall sign, on behalf of the City, all contracts, ordinances, resolutions and warrants except as hereinafter set forth.
(d) He shall approve all bonds as to amounts.
(e) He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or as may be assigned to him by the City Council.

Sec. 8.4. Mayor, veto power.
The Mayor shall have the right to veto any action of the City Council, provided, however, that in the case of a resolution or ordinance the Mayor shall exercise the veto power in writing, expressing the Mayor’s reasons therefor, and the Mayor shall have five (5) days, after the delivery to the office of the Mayor of such resolution or ordinance, in which to exercise the veto. The City Council may override the action of the Mayor by four (4) affirmative votes.

Article IX. Legislative Department

Sec. 9.1. Departmental interference.*
Neither the City Council, nor any of its members, nor the Mayor of the City shall order or request, directly or indirectly, the appointment of any person to an office or employment, or the removal of any person therefrom by the City Manager, or by any of the elective officers or other department heads in the administrative service of the City. The City Council and the Mayor shall conduct all business with the administrative branch of the municipal government solely through the City Manager. Neither the City Council, nor any members thereof, nor the Mayor shall give orders to any subordinates of the City Manager, either publicly or privately; provided that the foregoing shall not prevent the City Council, and the members thereof, or the Mayor from:
(a) Contacting officers and employees of the City for the purpose of inquiry or obtaining information, or
(b) Contacting officers and employees for the purpose of advising said officers and employees of citizen complaints relating to the operation of government.

*9.1, 9.3—as amended by election 3-8-83.

Sec. 9.10. Ordinances and resolutions.*
Except as hereinafter specified, no ordinance shall be adopted by the City Council on the day of its introduction, nor within five (5) days thereafter, nor at any time other than at a regular or adjourned regular meeting. At the time of introduction of an ordinance or resolution, it shall be read in full unless, after the reading of the title thereof, the further reading thereof is waived by motion of the City Council regularly made and approved by a majority consent of the councilmen present. After the introduction of an ordinance and for a period of not less than five (5) days prior to the adoption of such ordinance, a copy of the ordinance shall be posted at the City Hall. At the time of adoption of an ordinance it shall be read in full unless, after the reading of the title thereof, the further reading thereof is waived by motion of the City Council regularly made and approved by majority consent of the councilmen present. In the event that any ordinance is materially altered after its introduction, the same shall not be finally adopted except at a regular or adjourned regular meeting, held not less than five (5) days after the date upon which such ordinance was so altered. The correction of typographical or clerical errors shall not constitute the making of an alteration within the meaning of the foregoing.

Unless a greater number of votes is required by other provisions of this Charter or by the laws of this State under which any action is taken by the City Council, the affirmative votes of at least three (3) members of the City Council shall be required for the enactment of any ordinance or resolution, or for the making or approving of any order for the payment of money.

*9.10—ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS—as amended by election 4-11-67.

Article X. Elective Officers
Sec. 10.1. Compensation of elective officers, other than Mayor and City Council.

The elective officers of said City shall receive at stated times a compensation for their services in their respective capacities, to be fixed by ordinance adopted by the City Council. The compensation for such services shall not be increased or diminished as to any such officer after his such person's election and during his such person's term of office, nor within thirty (30) days prior to the date when nomination papers for the position may be filed, provided, however, that in the event of an emergency and in the event any law is adopted by the Legislature of the State of California permitting an increase during the period of any emergency of the salaries of elective officers, then and in that event the City Council may by ordinance increase the salaries of such elective officers in accordance with the provisions of the general law then in effect. In the event of an appointment to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term of any elective official, the City Council may, prior to the time of such appointment, adopt an ordinance, as an emergency ordinance, providing for the compensation of such appointee during the balance of the unexpired term and thereafter the salary or compensation of such appointee shall not be increased or decreased except in the manner hereinafore provided for elective officials.

Sec. 10.2. Elective offices, vacancies, leaves of absence, temporary appointments.*

In the event any elective official described in Article X, Section 10, is unable by reason of illness to perform the duties of his such elective official's office, the City Council shall grant, without the necessity of any written request for such leave by the official, to such official a leave of absence with pay, for a period of not to exceed six (6) months. Upon the granting of such leave of absence the City Council shall make a temporary appointment for the duration of the leave of absence. In the event any elective official of the City of Redondo Beach absents himself is absent from said City for thirty (30) consecutive days or in the event that such elective official does not perform his such elective official's duties for thirty (30) consecutive days, unless such elective official has the permission of the City Council to be absent himself from the City for thirty (30) consecutive days or to refrain from performing his such elective official's duties for longer than such period, such permission being expressed in the official minutes of the City Council, or in the event such official is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, or otherwise ceases for any reason to be eligible to hold his such official's office, his such office shall become vacant and shall be so declared to the City Council.

*10.2— as amended by election 6-3-86.

Sec. 10.3. Eligibility.*

No person shall be eligible to file as a candidate or hold office as City Clerk, City Treasurer, or City Attorney under Article X unless such person shall be a registered voter of the City of Redondo Beach at the time of filing his her such person's nomination papers and shall have been a resident of the City for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of such filing or appointment.

*10.3— as added by election 4-13-65; as amended by election 6-6-78, 3-5-85 and 3-7-95.

Article XI. Elective Officers, Powers and Duties

Sec. 11. City Clerk.*

The City Clerk shall have the power and be required to:
(a) Be represented at all meetings of the Council by himself or his, personally or through a deputy. Record and maintain a true and correct record of all of the
proceedings of the City Council in books devoted solely to such purposes. Such books shall have a comprehensive index to enable persons readily to ascertain matters contained therein;

(b) Compile and maintain ordinance and resolution books, in which shall be recorded all City Ordinances and Resolutions with the certificate of the Clerk annexed thereto to each said resolution or ordinance, together with a statement that the same is a true and correct copy, giving the numbers of said ordinance or resolutions and, as to an ordinance, a statement that the same has been published according to the requirements of this Charter;

(c) Be the custodian of the seal of the City of Redondo Beach;

(d) Administer oaths or affirmations, take affidavits and depositions pertaining to the affairs and business of the City and certify copies of official records;

(e) Provide all elective officials with certificates of election properly authenticated to by himself and appointive officers with certificates of appointment;

(f) Have charge of the administration of the financial affairs of the City under the direction of the City Manager and in connection therewith shall have the power and be required to:

(1) Prepare and assemble the budget expense and capital estimates for the City Manager;

(2) Supervise all expenditures and disbursements to insure that budget appropriations are not exceeded;

(3) Provide and maintain a general accounting system for the City government and each of its offices, departments and agencies; keep books for and prescribe the financial forms to be used by each office, department and agency;

(4) Supervise the maintenance of current inventories of all property, real and personal, by the respective officers in charge thereof and periodically to audit the same;

(5) Submit to the City Council, through the City Manager, a monthly statement of all receipts and disbursements in sufficient detail to show the exact financial condition of the City; and, as of the end of each fiscal year, submit a financial statement and report; and

(6) To approve, except as to correctness, together with the City Manager, before payment, all bills, invoices, payrolls, demands or charges against the City government.

No person shall be eligible for office of City Clerk unless he such person shall have successfully completed, with a passing grade, at least 15 units consisting of the following courses: elementary accounting; intermediate accounting; advanced accounting; auditing; cost accounting; and municipal and governmental accounting. Said courses shall have been completed at a collegiate institution, either in residence or in extension, or in a recognized private school of equal educational standards. Five years experience in municipal accounting, in a responsible position, may be substituted for the educational requirements.

*11—as amended by election 4-13-65.

Sec. 11.1. City Treasurer.*

The City Treasurer shall be the custodian of all public funds belonging to or under the control of the City, or of any office, department or agency thereof, and shall have the power and be required to:

(a) Receive and have custody of all moneys collected by the City from any source;

(b) Deposit all moneys received in such depositories as may be designated by resolution of the City Council;

(c) Disburse moneys on demands properly audited and approved in the manner
provided for in this Charter or by ordinance of the City of Redondo Beach;
(d) Prepare and submit to the City Clerk monthly written reports of all receipts, disbursements and funds balances, copies of which reports shall be filed with the City Manager;
(e) Prepare and submit to the City Manager monthly reports as to the failure of any department heads, officers and/or employees within the City failing to promptly turn over moneys to the Treasurer as required by this Charter or by ordinances of said city and have the authority to audit all moneys collected by the City from any source in order to prepare these monthly reports;
(f) Collect City taxes and license fees;
(g) Invest and reinvest funds according to State law; provided, however, that the City Council may adopt investment guidelines by resolution.
The City Treasurer may appoint deputies for whose acts the City Treasurer and the City Treasurer’s bond agents are responsible. The deputies shall hold office at the pleasure of the City Treasurer. The effective date of this Charter Amendment shall be April 1, 1983.

*11.1—as amended by election 11-2-82 and 11-4-14.

Sec. 11.2. City Attorney.*

No person shall be eligible for the office of City Attorney unless he such person shall have been admitted to practice as an attorney at law before the Supreme Court of the State of California, and shall have been engaged in the active practice of law in the State of California for at least five (5) years preceding his such person’s appointment or election.
The City Attorney shall devote his the City Attorney’s full time to the duties of office and shall not engage in private legal practice during his the term of office, except to carry to conclusion any matters for which he the City Attorney has been retained prior to taking office.
The City Attorney shall have the power and shall be required to:
(a) Represent and advise the City Council and all city officers in all matters of law pertaining to the respective offices/duties.
(b) Represent and appear for the city and any city officer, employee or former city officer or employee, in any and all actions or proceedings in which the city or such officer or employee, in or by reason of his such person’s official capacity is concerned or is a party. The City Council, at the request of the City Attorney, may employ other attorneys to assist in any litigation or other matter of interest to the city.
(c) Prosecute on behalf of the People any and all criminal cases arising from violations of this Charter or city ordinances; he the City Attorney shall prosecute violations of State misdemeanors, unless otherwise directed by the City Council.
(d) Attend all meetings of the City Council, unless excused, and give his the City Attorney’s advice or opinion orally or in writing whenever requested to do so by the City Council or by any boards or officers of the city.
(e) Approve the form of all bonds given to, and all contracts made by, the city, endorsing his the City Attorney’s approval thereon in writing.
(f) Prepare any and all proposed ordinances or resolutions for the city and amendments thereto.
(g) On vacating office, surrender to his the City Attorney’s successor all books, papers, files, and documents pertaining to the city’s affairs.
The City Attorney may appoint such assistant city attorneys or deputy city attorneys who shall serve him the City Attorney. Such assistant city attorneys or deputy city attorneys shall not be included in the classified service and shall be subject to removal by the city attorney City Attorney.

The City Attorney shall perform such other duties of a legal nature as the Council
may by ordinance require or as provided by the Constitution and general laws of the State.

*11.2—as amended by election 4-15-75 and 6-5-84.

Article XII. City Manager

Sec. 12.1. Method of appointment.

The City Manager shall be chosen on the basis of the City Manager’s executive and administrative qualifications and experience in the field of city management. The City Manager shall be paid a salary commensurate with his responsibilities as the chief administrative officer of the City. The first City Council elected after the effective date of this Charter shall, within ninety (90) days after taking office, appoint a City Manager. Any City Manager appointed shall be employed by contract for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years, provided that such contract may be renewed from time to time for similar periods.

Sec. 12.3. Powers and duties.*

The City Manager shall be the chief administrative officer and the head of the administrative branch of the City government. He shall be responsible directly to the City Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City, and shall have power and be required to:

(a) Appoint, remove and assign, and supervise and direct the activities of all non-elected department heads and employees of the City, subject to the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances, Civil Service Rules and Regulations of the City and directives of the City Council; provided, however, that the City Manager shall not have any such or other authority over the City Attorney, City Treasurer or City Clerk, except as specifically provided in section 11(f) of this Charter, or over their Assistants and Deputies appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Charter and provided, further, that the City Attorney, City Treasurer and City Clerk shall supervise and direct the day-to-day work assignments of the employees assigned to their respective departments.

(b) Prepare the budget annually and submit it to the City Council and be responsible for its administration after the adoption of the budget.

(c) Prepare and submit to the City Council at the end of each fiscal year a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the City for the preceding year, including all of his activities as City Manager.

(d) Keep the City Council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the City and make such recommendations as may seem to him to be desirable and to be in the best interests of said City.

(e) Appoint and remove, subject to the provisions of this Charter and the Civil Service ordinances, rules and regulations of the City of Redondo Beach, all department heads of the City except as herein otherwise provided, and pass upon and approve all proposed appointments and removals of subordinate employees by department heads.

(f) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or required of the City Manager by the City Council not inconsistent with this Charter.

(g) Attend all of the meetings of the City Council and have the right to participate in the deliberations of the City Council, but shall not have a vote at such meetings.

(h) The City Manager shall appoint, subject to the approval of the City Council, one of the other city officers as Manager pro tempore during any temporary absence or disability of the City Manager.
Sec. 12.4. Assistant City Manager.

In the event the City Council provides for the appointment of an Assistant City Manager he such Assistant City Manager shall be appointed by and be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager and may be removed at any time by the City Manager. In the event an Assistant City Manager is appointed, the provisions of Subdivision (h) of Section 12.3 shall be inoperative.

Article XVI. Redondo Beach Unified School District

Sec. 16.1. Board members.*

The government and control of the public schools shall be vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five (5) members. No person shall be eligible to hold the office of member of the Board of Education unless he(she) such person shall have been a resident of the territory included in the Redondo Beach Unified School District for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of filing his(her) such person’s declaration of candidacy. They shall be elected at large by the registered voters of the district and shall serve for a four (4) year term, without compensation, except necessary expenses when acting as a designated representative of the Board of Education as provided in the Education Code of the State of California.

Sec. 16.3. Elections.*

The election of members of the Board of Education members shall be held in the Redondo Beach School District on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each succeeding odd-numbered year to fill the offices of members whose terms expire on March 31st next succeeding the election. Each person elected at a regular biennial governing board member election shall hold office for a term of four years from April 1st next succeeding his such person’s election. Board of Education elections shall be consolidated with General Municipal Elections.

Sec. 17.7. Budget preparation.

Annually, the City Manager shall require the heads of each department to submit to him the City Manager not later than April 1st, detailed estimates of the estimated revenues and expenditures of their departments for the ensuing fiscal year. The City Manager shall hold such conferences with the department heads as may be necessary to permit him the City Manager to accurately determine department needs in the light of anticipated municipal revenues and efficient operation of the departments.

Sec. 18. General municipal elections.*

General Municipal Elections to fill elective offices shall be held in said City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each succeeding odd-numbered year to fill the offices of persons whose terms expire on March 31st next succeeding the election. Each person elected at a General Municipal Election shall hold office for a term of four years from April 1st next succeeding his such person’s election. General Municipal Elections shall be consolidated with Board of Education elections.
*18—as amended by election 4-10-73 and 6-6-78.

Article XIX. General Provisions

Sec. 19.9. Municipal purchases.

The City Council by ordinance, upon recommendation of the City Manager, shall provide for the purchase of all materials by the City through the City Manager or through some official, employee or department recommended by him the City Manager, subject to other provisions of this Charter, and in accordance with such regulations as may be deemed advisable by the City Manager and the City Council.

Article XXVI.
(Added by election 4-15-75)

Sec. 26. Mayor and City Council.

No person shall serve more than two full terms as Councilman-Councilmember from any combination of districts, or Mayor. If a person serves a partial term in excess of two years, it shall be considered a full term for the purpose of this provision. Previous and current terms of office shall be counted for the purpose of applying this provision to future elections although all persons presently in office shall be permitted to complete their present terms.
CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CA3

Measure CA3 ("Measure") was placed on the March 7, 2023 General Municipal Election Ballot by the Redondo Beach City Council. The measure proposes to amend twenty-six sections of the Redondo Beach City Charter. Measure CA3 would replace gender-specific language in the Charter with gender-neutral language as follows:

Article VI. City Council
Sec. 6 change “his” to “such member’s”
Sec. 6.1 change “he(she)” to “such person”
change “his (her)” to “such person’s”
Sec. 6.4 change “his” to “such appointee’s”
Sec. 6.5 change “Councilman” to “Councilmember”
change “he” to “such Councilmember”
change “his” to such “Councilmember’s”

Article VII. Districts
Sec. 7 change “Councilmen” to “Councilmembers”

Article VIII. The Mayor
Sec. 8 change “his” to “the Mayor’s”
change “He” to “The Mayor”
change “Councilmen” to “Councilmembers”
Sec. 8.1 change “his(her)” to “such person’s”
Sec. 8.3 change “He” to “The Mayor”
change “him” to “the Mayor”
Sec 8.4 change “he” to “the Mayor”
change “his” to “the Mayor’s”

Article IX. Legislative Department
Sec. 9.1 change “his removal” to “the removal of any person”
Sec. 9.10 change “Councilmen” to “Councilmembers”

Article X. Elective Officers
Sec. 10.1 change “his” to “such person’s”
Sec. 10.2 change “his” to “such elective official’s”
change “absents himself” to “is absent”
change “to absent himself” to “be absent”
change “hold his office” to “such official’s office”
change “his office shall” to “such office shall”
Sec. 10.3 change “his(her)” to “such person’s”

Article XI. Elective Offices, Powers and Duties
Sec. 11 change “by himself or his” to “, personally or through a”
change “he” to “such person”
Sec. 11.1 change “he and his bondsmen” to “the City Treasurer and the City Treasurer’s bond agents”
Sec. 11.2 change “he” to “such person”
change “his” to “the City Attorney’s”
change “him” to “the City Attorney”
change in 11.2 (c) “he” to “the City Attorney”

Article XII. City Manager
Sec. 12.1 change “his” to “the City Manager’s”
change “He” to “The City Manager”
Sec. 12.3 change “his” to “the City Manager’s”
change “He” to “The City Manager”
delete in 12.3 (c) “of his”
delete in 12.3(d) “to him to be”
change “He” to “the City Manager”
Sec. 12.4 change “he” to “such Assistant City Manager”

Article XVI. Redondo Beach Unified School District
Sec. 16.1 change “he(she)” to “such person”
change “his (her)” to “such person’s”
Sec. 16.3 change “his” to “such person’s”

Article XVII. Taxation and Budget
Sec. 17.7 change “him” to “the City Manager”

Article XVIII. Elections
Sec. 18 change “his” to “such person’s”

Article XIX. Elections
Sec. 19.9 change “him” to “the City Manager”

Article XXVI.
Sec. 26 change “Councilman” to “Councilmember”

s/Michael W. Webb
City Attorney
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CA3

Words matter. They can heal or hurt. They can unite or divide. Redondo Beach chooses inclusivity, unity, and equality. It’s time our City Charter language reflects the same.

The words used in our City Charter have not changed since 1949 while the world has changed significantly over the last 73 years. Measure CA3 removes “gendered” language from the City Charter which implies only men hold leading positions in the City. Pronouns such as “he,” “him” and “his” for City officials, both elected and hired will be replaced with the elected and employee titles, or “such person” or “such individual”. This gender-neutral language rightfully advances equity and inclusivity while prohibiting discrimination and sexual stereotyping.

The Charter Review Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approve this change, with the full agreement of the Mayor and Council.

Language is a reflection of how we see, define and classify others. Adopting gender-neutral, all-inclusive words within our City Charter emulates our City commitment and actions to embrace equity and inclusivity. Our words matter.

Redondo Beach is a place where people lead. Vote YES on Measure CA3.

s/Wayne Craig
Redondo Beach Resident
The People of the City of Redondo Beach, California, hereby amend Section 8.3 of Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Redondo Beach to read as follows:

(Note: New provisions or language added to the existing charter section are shown in boldface type; words and figures deleted from the existing charter section are shown in strikeout type.)

Sec. 8.3. Mayor, presiding officer.
He The Mayor shall be the executive head of the City of Redondo Beach for the purposes hereinafter set forth:
(a) He The Mayor shall preside over the meetings of the City Council.
(b) He The Mayor shall be the representative of the City for all ceremonial purposes.
(c) He The Mayor shall sign, on behalf of the City, all contracts, ordinances, resolutions and warrants except when the City Council has authorized the City Manager, or other officer or other employee to approve and sign a written contract on behalf of the City as hereinafter set forth.
(d) He The Mayor shall approve all bonds as to amounts. (e) He The Mayor shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or as may be assigned to him by the City Council.
CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CA4

Background. Currently, Section 8.3 of Article VIII of the Redondo Beach City Charter requires that the Mayor sign, on behalf of the City, all contracts, ordinances, resolutions and warrants except as otherwise set forth in the Charter.

The Measure. Measure CA4 ("Measure") was placed on the March 7, 2023 General Municipal Election Ballot by the Redondo Beach City Council. The measure proposes to amend Section 8.3 of Article VIII of the Redondo Beach City Charter to provide an exception to the current requirement that the Mayor sign all contracts. If the amendment is passed by a majority of the voters, it would also permit the City Manager, other officer or employee to approve and sign a written contract on behalf of the City when authorized to do so by the City Council.

The measure also makes non-substantive changes replacing gender-specific language in Section 8.3 with gender-neutral language.

A “yes” vote on Measure CA4 is a vote to provide an exception to the current requirement that the Mayor sign all contracts, permitting the City Manager, other officer or employee to approve and sign a written contract on behalf of the City when authorized to do so by the City Council. A “no” vote is a vote to keep the requirement that the Mayor sign all contracts.

s/Michael W. Webb
City Attorney
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CA4

The Redondo Beach City Charter was crafted in an age where modern technology was a black-and-white television, and radio was the primary information broadcasting method. The postal service and typewritten contracts were the mainstays of communication for the written word. Almost everything in the City was done in-house and complexity was about pen and paper. The City hired few outside services and goods.

As such, the Charter that governs this City has a severely outdated structure for our contracts. Today, our City signs dozens of contracts for online or physical services, goods, and procurement every month. The way the business environment works today was never imagined when the Charter was crafted.

CA4 allows the City Council to assign the City Manager, their only employee, or another officer or employee of the City to sign a contract only after the Council votes to approve the contract.

This allows the contract to be executed faster, thereby saving time and money. The Mayor will be relieved as solely responsible for an administrative task that might have to wait until the Mayor is available to sign the contract.

CA4 merely allows the Council to assign the responsibility of expeditiously signing contracts to someone else and does not remove the responsibility from the Mayor’s position. Transparency and oversight remain and create a more efficient system for our City to operate in a much more complex modern-day environment.

CA4 will help projects to be executed faster, with less overhead cost, and help modernize our local government. Checks and balances remain.

Please vote YES on CA4.

Please visit www.RBcharterupdates.com for more information regarding all the Charter amendments.

Questions?

Please call, text or email me anytime.

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Mayor Pro-Tem, Nils Nehrenheim

s/Robert Pinzler
Former Councilmember

s/Bill Brand
Mayor

s/Nils Nehrenheim
Mayor Pro Tem
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CA5

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY AMEND SECTION 18.4 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(NO; New provisions or language added to the existing charter section are shown in **BOLDFACE** type; words and figures deleted from the existing charter section are shown in *strikeout* type.)

Sec. 18.4. Majority vote: Runoff elections. **Instant runoff election.**

A. Except as provided in this Section with regard to runoff elections, the City Council must by ordinance provide for an instant runoff voting system in the elections of each city elective office listed in Article VI, Article VIII, and Article X. A majority (more than half), of the votes cast for all candidates, or a majority of the operative votes on continuing ballots in subsequent rounds, is required for the election of a candidate to each such office as determined by an instant runoff voting system process detailed in the ordinance the council must enact. for each City elective office is required for the election of the candidate to such office. In the event no candidate for an elective office receives a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for such office, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes cast for any such office shall thereby qualify as candidates for such office at a runoff election to be held not later than seventy (70) days after such election. In the event that any person qualifies pursuant to law to become a write-in candidate for such office at the runoff election, the candidate who receives a plurality of all the votes cast for such office in the runoff election shall be elected.

B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, members of the Board of Education shall continue to be elected by a plurality of votes cast.

*18.4—as added by election 11-4-80; as amended by election 11-6-84 and 3-7-95.*
CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CA5

Background. The California Constitution gives charter cities such as Redondo Beach “plenary authority” to provide for “the manner in which, the method by which, the times at which, and the terms for which the several municipal officers . . . shall be elected or appointed.” Currently Section 18.4 of the Redondo Beach City Charter provides that:

a majority (more than half), of the votes cast for all candidates for each City elective office is required for the election of the candidate to such office. In the event no candidate for an elective office receives a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for such office, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes cast for any such office shall thereby qualify as candidates for such office at a runoff election to be held not later than seventy (70) days after such election.

The above does not apply to candidates for members of the Board of Education who are elected by a plurality of votes cast.

The Measure. Measure CA5 (“Measure”) was placed on the March 7, 2023 General Municipal Election Ballot by the Redondo Beach City Council. Measure CA5 would amend Section 18.4 of the Redondo Beach Charter to eliminate separate runoff elections and require the City Council by ordinance to provide for an instant runoff voting system in the elections of each city elective office.

When there are more than two candidates for one seat, an instant runoff voting system allows voters to rank candidates for that seat in order of preference when marking their ballots. Only one candidate can represent each of the voter’s first, second, or third, etc., choices. For all city elective offices with more than two candidates, all first choices are initially tallied. If any candidate receives a majority of the first choices, that candidate is elected just as they would be under the current Charter Section. However, if no candidate receives a majority of first choices, the “instant run-off” process is triggered. The candidate receiving the fewest first choices is eliminated, and the voters for that eliminated candidate now have their second choices counted. The ballots are again tallied and the process continues until one candidate wins a majority. An instant runoff voting system is so named because it allows a majority winner to be determined in just one election. It is a substitute for a separate runoff election.

Measure CA5 is a charter amendment to be implemented by a later ordinance that the City Council would adopt, which will lay out the details of how the instant runoff voting system will work in the City of Redondo Beach. The ordinance will only affect elections for city office and will have no effect on ballot measures for any Federal, State, County, District or Board of Education elections.

s/Michael W. Webb
City Attorney
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CA5

Redondo Beach currently votes for its elected officials in March elections using a traditional voting system. Whichever candidate gets more than 50% of the vote wins.

If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, a runoff is held in May. Runoff elections are expensive and have historically been hostile. The 2013 runoff election cost taxpayers nearly an additional $300,000! Runoff elections also tend to have lower voter turnout than the City’s March general election.

There is a better alternative election system—instant runoff voting. Using Instant Runoff, Redondo Beach will experience more amicable campaigns at a lower cost.

An instant runoff voting system determines a majority winner in a single, higher-turnout election. The most popular instant runoff system is Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV). With RCV, you rank candidates based on the order you prefer: 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, and so on. If your favorite doesn’t win, your vote still counts for your next candidate choice.

Voters using RCV in Oakland, San Francisco, San Leandro, Albany, Berkeley and Palm Desert say RCV is simple and they want to continue using it. An Instant Runoff Voting system encourage candidates to focus on issues instead of uncivil attacks on their opponents in hopes of becoming your second choice.

Measure CA5 was unanimously approved by the City Council.

We urge you to vote Yes on Measure CA5, the Redondo Beach Charter Change Amendment to allow instant runoff voting.

For more information, please visit www.RedondoIRV.org

s/Laura Emdee
Councilmember, District 5

s/Todd Loewenstein
Councilmember, District 2

s/Christian Horvath
Councilmember, District 3

s/Nils H. Nehrenheim
Mayor Pro Tem
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BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Here’s another method for submitting your ballot; for your convenience beginning February 6, 2023 * there are BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS in REDONDO BEACH as follows:

IMPORTANT!

- USE ONLY REDONDO BEACH BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW
- BALLOT DROP BOXES WILL BE LOCKED AS OF 8:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023.

DROP-OFF BOXES:

303 N. PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277
(ADJACENT TO MAIN LIBRARY ENTRANCE)

2000 ARTESIA BLVD.
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277
(ADJACENT TO NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY)

CORNER OF S. ELENA AVE. & AVENIDA DEL NORTE
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277
(RIVIERA TRIANGLE)

200 FLAGLER AVE
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277
(DOMINGUEZ PARK; ADJACENT TO MORRELL HOUSE)

OR AT:

ANDERSON PARK SENIOR CENTER
*This location open ONLY on Election Day, 3/7/23, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
3007 VAIL AVENUE
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE
415 DIAMOND STREET DOOR 1
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277

If you made a mistake or lost your ballot, please call the City Clerk’s Office at 310-318-0656 for assistance to obtain a replacement ballot before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day! Please note that City Hall will be closed on Friday, February 10, 2023; Monday, February 20, 2023; and Friday, February 24, 2023. **Ballots cannot be accepted at any of the above locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day; please plan accordingly.**