

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING THAT THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD ON THE DATE OF THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR

WHEREAS, starting in 2020, City of Lakewood (the "City") general municipal elections were to be held in March of even-numbered years, on the date of the statewide primary election; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 111 of the Statutes of 2020 moved the 2022 statewide primary election which was to be held in March to June; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 107 of the Statutes of 2021 added Section 1305 to the California Elections Code, which section provides that any term of office set to expire in March or April 2022, where the next scheduled election for that office has been consolidated with the 2022 statewide primary election, shall be extended to expire following the certification of election results from the statewide primary election and the administration of the oath of office to the newly elected officeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Change of Election Dates. Beginning in 2022, the City's general municipal elections shall be held on the date of the statewide primary election in each even-numbered year.

SECTION 2. Adjustment to Terms of Office. Those City Council terms that are presently set to expire following certification of the results of the election that was to be held in March, 2022, shall be extended to expire following the certification of election results from the 2022 City Council election to be consolidated with the statewide primary election, and the administration of the oath of office to the newly elected officeholders.

SECTION 3. Section 1500 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Beginning in 2022, the dates of the general municipal elections shall be the dates of the statewide primary elections in each even-numbered year."

SECTION 4. Consolidated Elections. Pursuant to Section 1301 and 10403.5 of the California Elections Code, the City hereby requests that the County of Los Angeles approve this Ordinance and allow for the consolidation of the City's general municipal elections with statewide primary elections to be conducted by the County in each even-numbered year, beginning with the

election to be held in 2022. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors with a request that it be approved, and a courtesy copy to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office.

SECTION 5. Operative Date. This Ordinance shall become operative upon approval by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.


SECTION 6. Notice to Voters. Pursuant to Section 10403.5(e) of the California Elections Code, within 30 days after this Ordinance becomes operative, the City's Elections Official shall cause notice to be mailed to all registered voters, informing the voters of the change in election dates made by this Ordinance, and that, as a result of such change, the terms of office of City officeholders will be extended by not more than 12 months.

SECTION 7. The City Council hereby declares it would have passed this Ordinance sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph and section by section, and does hereby declare the provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if for any reason any section of this Ordinance should be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby finds and determines there are no newspapers of general circulation both published and circulated within the City and, in compliance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, directs the City Clerk to cause said Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after its passage to be posted in at least three (3) public places within the City as established by Ordinance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Council Member Croft	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Pe	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Rogers	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Stuckey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Wood	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Mayor 

ATTEST:

City Clerk 