

1 RESOLUTION NO. 23892

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
3 CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING
4 NOTICE OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON
5 THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING
6 TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE
7 CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF
8 RIVERSIDE, AND GIVING NOTICE AND ORDERING THAT SAID
9 MUNICIPAL ELECTION IS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE
10 GENERAL ELECTION AND ALL OTHER ELECTIONS BEING HELD IN
11 THE SAME TERRITORY ON THE SAME DATE

12 WHEREAS, City Charter section 1404, "Charter; amending," provides that the Charter "may
13 be amended in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of California. The City
14 Council must submit any proposed Charter amendment, except for those proposed by voter
15 initiative, to a Charter Review Committee for recommendation before the City Council places the
16 Charter amendment proposal on a ballot;" and

17 WHEREAS, on July 12, 2022, the City's Charter Review Committee reviewed and approved
18 proposed Charter amendments to create an appointed Inspector General; and

19 WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of California, Elections
20 Code section 9255, and Government Code section 34458 further authorize the City Council, on its
21 own motion, to submit to the qualified electors of the City any ballot measure by ordinance or
22 resolution proposing amendments to the City Charter; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of California will conduct an election on March 5, 2024, which shall be
24 concurrent with the City's SAID election.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
26 California, as follows:

27 Section 1: The City Council, pursuant to its right and authority under California law, hereby
28 orders that the following question be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Riverside at an
election on March 5, 2024:

Shall the measure to amend the Charter of the City of Riverside to include a new
Charter officer, the Inspector General, appointed by the City Council, with the powers
and duties to investigate fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts within city government

1 and to provide annual reports on findings and recommendations, with an appropriate
2 budget and with further powers and duties of the Inspector General set by ordinance of
3 the City Council be adopted?

4 Section 2: The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to take all action necessary to
5 place the ballot measure described herein on the ballot for the election on March 5, 2024.

6 Section 3: That only the qualified electors of the City of Riverside are entitled to vote at said
7 election on the ballot measure to amend the City Charter and that if a majority of the qualified electors
8 voting on the ballot measure vote in favor of the ballot measure, said ballot measure shall be deemed
9 approved.

10 Section 4: The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of the ballot measure to the City
11 Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the ballot measure pursuant to
12 Elections Code section 9280, showing the effect of the ballot measure on existing law and the
13 operation of the ballot measure. The analysis shall be printed preceding the arguments for and against
14 the measure.

15 Section 5: That in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Riverside and
16 the Constitution and Election Laws of the State of California, a municipal election shall be held and
17 the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Riverside on March 5, 2024, for the
18 purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Riverside such amendments to the City
19 Charter as may be proposed by the City Council.

20 Section 6: That the polls for said election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. of the day of said election
21 and shall remain open continuously from said time until 8:00 p.m. of the same day, when the polls
22 shall be closed, except as provided in section 14401 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

23 Section 7: That the City Council consents to the consolidation of said election hereby called
24 with all other elections being held in the same territory on March 5, 2024, and said elections, where
25 possible, shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election within the City of Riverside
26 and only one form of ballot shall be used in the precincts, and polling places and officers of election
27 for said elections shall be the same as provided for the statewide general election.

28 Section 8: That for the purpose of holding said election, there shall be and hereby are

1 established consolidated voting precincts, consisting of a consolidation of the regular election
2 precincts in the City of Riverside established for the holding of state and county elections as said
3 regular election precincts exist on the date of this resolution.

4 Section 9: That the form and contents of the ballot to be used at said election shall be as
5 provided by law.

6 Section 10: That in accordance with section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of
7 Supervisors of Riverside County is hereby requested to consent to the Registrar of Voters rendering
8 election services to the City of Riverside as may be requested by the City Clerk of said city, the County
9 of Riverside to be reimbursed in full, for such services as are performed.


10 Section 11: That the elections official of the City of Riverside request the Registrar of Voters,
11 or such other official as may be appropriate, to perform, and that such officer is hereby authorized and
12 directed to perform if the said Board of Supervisors consents, include: the preparation, printing and
13 mailing of sample ballots and polling place cards; the establishment or appointment of precincts,
14 polling places, and election officers, and making such publications as are requested by law in
15 connection therewith; the furnishing of ballots, voting booths and other necessary supplies or materials
16 for polling places; the canvassing of the returns of election and the furnishing of the results of such
17 canvassing to the City Clerk of the City of Riverside; and the performance of such other election
18 services as may be requested by said City Clerk.

19 Section 12: That the City Clerk of said City shall receive the canvass of said municipal
20 election and shall certify the results to the City Council, as required by law.

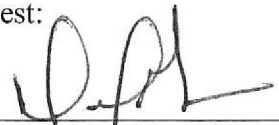
21 Section 13: That pursuant to Elections Code section 9285, when the City's designated
22 elections official has selected the arguments for and against the ballot measure which will be printed
23 and distributed to the voters, the City's designated elections official shall send copies of the argument
24 in favor of the ballot measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument
25 against to the authors of the argument in favor. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument
26 relating to the ballot measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument not to exceed two hundred
27 and fifty (250) words in length. A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five (5) authors.
28 The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk not more than ten (10) days after the final
date for filing direct arguments. The rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the form of statement

1 to be filed by author(s) of argument as provided for in California Elections Code section 9600. Rebuttal
2 arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall
3 immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

4 ADOPTED by the City Council this 2nd day of August, 2022.

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7 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

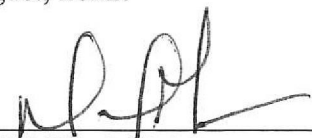
8 Attest:

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10 DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

11 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
12 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council
13 on the 2nd day of August, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

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15 Ayes: Councilmembers Edwards, Conder, Fierro, and Hemenway
16 Noes: Councilmembers Cervantes, Perry, and Councilwoman Plascencia
17 Absent: None
18 Abstain: None

19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
20 City of Riverside, California, this 3rd day of August, 2022.

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23 DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside