



## Legislation Text

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**TO:**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:**

Bruce Moe, City Manager

**FROM:**

Liza Tamura, City Clerk

Martha Alvarez, Senior Deputy City Clerk

**SUBJECT:**

City Council Reorganization:

- a) Recognition of Outgoing Mayor Hersman
- b) Selection of Mayor
- c) Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

**APPROVE**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council recognize outgoing Mayor Hersman and proceed with the selection of the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Manhattan Beach is a General Law city incorporated under the laws of the State of California on December 2, 1912. The City has a "Council-Manager" form of government where the City Manager is appointed by the City Council and is the Chief Executive Officer of the municipal corporation. The City Council acts as the board of directors of the municipal corporation and meets in a public forum where citizens may participate in the governmental process. The Mayor serves as the chairperson of the City Council. The City Council consists of five members, elected at-large on a non-partisan basis, who serve staggered four-year terms, with a two consecutive term limit.

On September 1, 2015, the California State Legislature passed the California Voter Participation Rights Act, also known as, Senate Bill (SB) 415. This legislation prohibits a local government from holding an election on any date other than a statewide election date if doing so in the past has resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout. SB 415 requires cities with insufficient voter turnout to either change their election dates to June or November of even years, or adopt a plan to consolidate its election with the statewide election, no later than the November 8, 2022, statewide general election.

At the October 18, 2016, City Council Meeting, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-0026

establishing new General Municipal Election dates to be held in November of even years beginning in November 2020, to meet state mandates imposed by SB 415. Therefore, in 2019, the City held the last General Municipal election in March to be followed by the County consolidated elections in November of even years. Councilmembers elected on or after the November 2020 consolidated election, will return to the previous Mayoral rotation, occurring every nine and a half months.

For reference, upcoming mayoral terms are scheduled to begin and end at the following dates with the accompanying term lengths:

- March 3, 2020 - December 1, 2020 (9 Months - Richard Montgomery)
- December 1, 2020 - September 7, 2021 (9 Months - Suzanne Hadley)
- September 7, 2021 - June 7, 2022 (9 Months - Hildy Stern)

**DISCUSSION:**

The Mayor is a member of the City Council and selected by a majority of the City Council every nine months. As a member of the City Council, the Mayor shall have all the powers of a member. In addition, the Mayoral role is largely ceremonial as he or she attends public events on behalf of the City Council.

The Mayor Pro Tem is also a member of the City Council and is selected by a majority of the City Council every nine months. The Mayor Pro Tem serves as backup to the Mayor, presides over the City Council meeting in the Mayor's absence, and attends events when the Mayor is unavailable.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

After analysis, staff determined that public outreach was not required for this issue.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

The City has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney has reviewed this report and determined that no additional legal analysis is necessary.