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REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES, LEGISLATION, AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
ITEM ON COMMUNICATION BY KEN ERHARDT REGARDING
CITY POLICY REGARDING COUNCIL'S POSITION ON
STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVES

Prompted by a communication item requesting the Rules Committee to take a position on confirmation of designated individuals of the California Supreme Court, you asked this office for a report on City policy regarding the Council's position on statewide ballot initiatives.

The broad policy guidelines on legislative policy are found in Council Policy 000-19 (attached). While section VIII broadly outlines Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Policy, the policy is silent on judicial offices. Further our own research and that of the League of California Cities discloses no restrictions or guidelines on such endorsements. It has been the practice of Council in past years, however, to refrain from expressing support for or opposition to candidates for public office.

In light of the above, the Rules Committee may take whatever action it deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachment

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