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ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 16602 (NEW SERIES)

ADOPTED ON FEB 24 1986

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 7, DIVISION 22, OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 27.2205; AMENDING DIVISION 32, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 27.3201, 27.3202, 27.3205 AND 27.3209, ALL RELATING TO BALLOTS AND WRITE-IN CANDIDATES.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter II, Article 7, Division 22, of the San Diego Municipal Code be and the same is hereby amended by amending Section 27.2205 to read as follows:

**SEC. 27.2205 COUNTING OF WRITE-IN VOTES**

To clarify the process for selection of candidates described in Section 10 of the Charter of The City of San Diego as modified by Canaan v. Abdelnour, 40 Cal.3d 703 (1986), the following shall apply:

Write-in candidates are permitted in all municipal elections and special elections. Any name written upon a municipal election or special election ballot, including a reasonable facsimile of the spelling of such name, shall be counted unless prohibited by Section 27.2205.1 of this Article, for the office for which it was written, if it is written in the blank space provided therefor.

Section 2. That Chapter II, Article 7, Division 32, of the San Diego Municipal Code be and it is hereby amended by amending

Sections 27.3201, 27.3202, 27.3205 and 27.3209 to read as follows:

**DIVISION 32**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

**SEC. 27.3201 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Write-in candidates are permitted in municipal elections including special elections called by the City Council, pursuant to Section 27.2005 of this Article.

**SEC. 27.3202 NOMINATING PAPERS**

Nominations of write-in candidates for elective offices shall be made by filing nominating papers including a declaration and affidavit of write-in candidacy in the office of the City Clerk on forms provided by the City Clerk. The form of the papers shall be substantially in the same form as set forth in Section 27.2103 of this Article except for a designation as a write-in candidate where appropriate and removal of the reference to a request that the candidate's name be printed upon the official ballot.

Nominating papers for municipal primary or recall elections may be obtained from the City Clerk no earlier than the first business day after the close of regular nominations for the primary, special or recall election.

Nominating papers for general municipal elections may be obtained from the City Clerk no earlier than the day following the primary election.

**SEC. 27.3205 FILING REQUIREMENTS**

Every person who desires to be a write-in candidate and have his or her name written on the ballot of an election counted for a particular office shall:

(a) File, on a form provided by the City Clerk a declaration and affidavit of write-in candidacy containing:

- (1) the name of the candidate
- (2) his or her current residence address
- (3) a declaration stating that he or she is a write-in candidate
- (4) the date of the election
- (5) the office for which he or she is running
- (6) his or her past residences for a period of four years
- (7) date and place of birth
- (8) his or her occupation, and
- (9) a list of any previous public positions held in the City.

(b) File a nomination paper, provided by the City Clerk, containing not less than 20 valid voter signatures. A signer of the nomination paper shall have been, at the time of signing, a registered voter for a period of not less than thirty (30) days in the district from which the candidate seeks nomination or election. No voter may sign more than one nomination paper for the same office, and in the event a voter does so, that voter's signature shall count only on the first nomination paper filed which contains the voter's

signature. Nomination papers subsequently filed which contain that voter's signature shall be considered as though the voter's signature does not appear thereon. Each seat on the governing body is a separate office. Any person registered to vote at the election may circulate a nomination paper.

(c) and (d) - No changes.

**SEC. 27.3209 TIME OF FILING NOMINATING PAPERS  
AND DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY**

The nominating papers and declaration of write-in candidacy shall be delivered to the City Clerk no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the election.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 17 of the Charter of The City of San Diego, this ordinance shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

By



Ted Bromfield  
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept:Clerk  
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SEC. 27.3201 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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FEB 24 1986

Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on .....  
by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Ineligible
Abbe Wolfsheimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill Cleator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gloria McColl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
William Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed Struiksma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Gotch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judy McCarty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uvaldo Martinez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant

AUTHENTICATED BY:

ED STRUIKSMA  
Deputy Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Raymond S. Patterson*, Deputy.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was passed on the day of its introduction, to wit, on  
**FEB 24 1986**, said ordinance being of the kind and character  
authorized for passage on its introduction by Section 16 of the Charter.

~~I FURTHER CERTIFY that the final reading of said ordinance was in full.~~

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the reading of said ordinance in full was dispensed with by a vote of not  
less than a majority of the members elected to the Council, and that there was available for the consideration  
of each member of the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage a written or printed copy of said  
ordinance.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

By *Raymond S. Patterson*, Deputy.

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

Ordinance Number **0 - 16602** Adopted **FEB 24 1986**

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK  
202 C STREET - 12TH FLOOR  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

IN THE MATTER OF

NO.

AN ORDINANCE

I, Gerald F. Blair, am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the San Diego Daily Transcript, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily, except Saturdays and Sundays, in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of San Diego, State of California, under the date of January 23, 1909, Decree No. 14894; and the

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This ordinance permits write-in candidates as qualified candidates in both general, special and primary elections in conformance with the holding in CANAAN V. ABDELNOUR, 40 Cal.3d 703 (1986).

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of San Diego, 12th Floor, City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

Introduced, reading dispensed with and adopted by the City Council of The City of San Diego on February 24, 1986.

AUTHENTICATED BY:

ED STRUIK SMA

Deputy Mayor of The City of San Diego, California

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California

By MAYDELL L. PONTECORVO

Deputy

Pub. March 10, 1986

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is a true and correct copy of which the annexed is a printed copy and was published in said newspaper on the following date(s), to wit:

MARCH 10, 1986

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at San Diego, California this 10th day of MARCH, 1986.

Gerald F. Blair

(Signature)

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