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(NEW SERIES)

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AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO ON MARCH 26, 1996, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY ONE OR MORE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS; AND CONSOLIDATING SAID SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE.

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

Section 1. A Special Municipal Election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of San Diego, California, on March 26, 1996.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 223 of the Charter of The City of San Diego, Section 3(b) of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California, and Sections 34450 and 34458 of the California Government Code, all dealing with Charter amendments, and pursuant to Section 23 of the Charter of the City of San Diego and Section 27.2501 of the San Diego Municipal Code, the Council of The City of San Diego, by separate ordinance(s), may submit to the qualified voters of the City one or more ballot propositions at the March 26, 1996, Special Municipal Election.

Section 3. The propositions shall be presented and printed upon the ballot and submitted to the voters in the manner and form set out in the separate ordinances placing the propositions

on the March 26, 1996, ballot. An appropriate mark placed in the voting square after the word "YES" shall be counted in favor of the adoption of any proposition. An appropriate mark placed in the voting square after the word "NO" shall be counted against the adoption of any propostion.

Section 4. The propositions submitted by separate ordinance for placement on the March 26, 1996, ballot, if any, shall be designated on the ballot by a letter printed on the left margin of the square containing the description of the proposition as provided in California Elections Code section 13116.

Section 5. City propositions to be submitted to the voters at the March 26, 1996, Special Municipal Election, if any, shall appear on the ballot in the following order:

- (a) Bond measures in the order in which they qualify or are approved by the City Council;
- (b) Charter amendments in the order in which they qualify or are approved by the City Council;
- (c) Other legislative measures in the order in which they are approved by the City Council;
- (d) Initiative measures pursuant to San Diego Municipal Code section 27.2501 in the order in which they qualify;
- (e) Referendum measures in the order in which they qualify; and,
 - (f) Advisory matters.

Section 6. The polls for this Special Municipal Election shall be open at 7 a.m. (local time) on March 26, 1996, and remain open continuously until 8 p.m. (local time) on the same

day. The polls shall close at 8 p.m., except as provided in California Elections Code section 14401.

Section 7. The Special Municipal Election called for March 26, 1996, in The City of San Diego is hereby ordered consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election to be held on the same date. Within the City of San Diego precincts, polling places and officers of the election for the Special Municipal Election shall be the same as those provided for the Statewide Primary Election.

Section 8. The Registrar of Voters of the County of San Diego is hereby authorized to canvass returns of this Special Municipal Election. The Registrar of Voters shall communicate the results of the canvass to the San Diego City Clerk, who shall in turn certify the results to the Council of the City of San Diego. The City Council shall then declare the results of the Special Municipal Election by resolution.

Section 9. Within the City of San Diego only one form of ballot shall be used.

Section 10. Since this election is to be consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election, and since the County Registrar of Voters is authorized to canvass returns of this Special Municipal Election, and since only one form of ballot is authorized, the method of voting upon the propositions shall be as provided in the California Elections Code.

Section 11. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, the Special Municipal Election called for March 26, 1996, shall be conducted as provided by law for other municipal elections of the City of San Diego.

Section 12. The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published once in the official newspaper. No other notice of the election need be given.

Section 13. Pursuant to section 17 of the Charter of The City of San Diego, this ordinance relating to elections shall take effect on $\frac{DEC04125}{}$, which is the day of its introduction and passage.

Section 14. If no propositions are approved by the City Council for placement on, or if no propositions otherwise qualify for placement on, the March 26, 1996, ballot by 5 p.m. on December 29, 1995, then this ordinance shall become null and void and shall have no force or effect.

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