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AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 3, 2008, ONE PROPOSITION AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER BY AMENDING ARTICLE XV, SECTION 255 TO REQUIRE THE COUNCIL TO PLACE ON THE JUNE 2010 BALLOT CHARTER AMENDMENTS RELATED TO MAKING THE STRONG MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT PERMANENT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Constitution, article XI, section 3(b), California Elections Code section 9255(a)(2), and San Diego City Charter section 223, the City Council has authority to place Charter amendments on the ballot to be considered at a Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. O- 19715, adopted on FEB 04, 2008, the Council of the City of San Diego is calling a Municipal Election to be consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election on June 3, 2008, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City one or more ballot propositions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit to the voters at the Municipal Election one proposition amending the Charter of the City of San Diego by amending Article XV, section 255, to require the Council to place a measure on the ballot in June 2010 to consider making permanent the strong mayor form of government; increasing the number of Council districts from eight to nine; and increasing the number of Council votes required to override a Mayoral veto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's proposal, on its own motion, of a charter amendment is governed by California Constitution, article XI, section 3(b), California Elections Code section 9255(a)(2), and California Government Code section 34458, and is not subject to veto by the Mayor; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That one proposition amending the City Charter by amending Article XV, section 255, is hereby submitted to the qualified voters at the Municipal Election to be held on June 3, 2008, with the proposition to read as follows:

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**PROPOSITION**

**Section 255: Operative Date; Sunset of Article; Future Action by Voters**

- (a) The date for the provisions of this Article to become operative is January 1, 2006.
- (b) After January 1, 2006, the provisions of this Article shall remain in effect for a period of five years (until December 31, 2010) at which time this Article shall be automatically repealed and removed from the Charter. However, the Council and the people reserve the right to propose amendments to the Charter at the November 2010 election or sooner to extend, make permanent, shorten or repeal the effective period of this Article and to consider increasing the number of Council districts to nine at the time of the next City Council district reapportionment which follows the national decennial census in 2010.
- (c) To ensure the people have an opportunity to consider the permanency of this Article before it is automatically repealed, at the June 2010 election, the City Council shall place a measure on the ballot to propose amendments to the Charter to make this Article permanent on January 1, 2011; increase the number of Council districts to nine at the time of the next City Council district

reapportionment which follows the national decennial census in 2010; and increase the number of Council votes required to override a mayoral veto of an ordinance or resolution to a two-thirds majority of the Council, with such increase to take effect at such time a ninth Council member is elected and qualified.

**END OF PROPOSITION**

Section 2. The proposition shall be presented and printed upon the ballot and submitted to the voters in the manner and form set out in Section 3 of this ordinance.

Section 3. On the ballot to be used at this Municipal Election, in addition to any other matters required by law, there shall be printed substantially the following:

<b>PROPOSITION ____ . AMENDS CHARTER TO REQUIRE COUNCIL TO SUBMIT CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO VOTERS AT JUNE 2010 ELECTION RELATING TO STRONG MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNANCE.</b> Shall the Charter be amended to require the City Council to submit to voters at the June 2010 election Charter amendments making the Strong Mayor form of government permanent; adding a Council seat; and, when the ninth seat is filled, increasing the Council votes required to override a mayoral veto?	YES	
	NO	

Section 4. An appropriate mark placed in the voting square after the word "Yes" shall be counted in favor of the adoption of this proposition. An appropriate mark placed in the voting square after the word "No" shall be counted against the adoption of the proposition.

Section 5. Passage of this proposition requires the affirmative vote of a majority of those qualified electors voting on the matter at the Municipal Election.

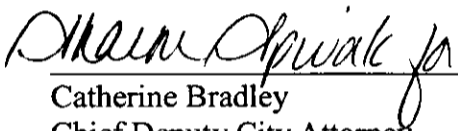
Section 6. The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance or a digest of this ordinance to be published once in the official newspaper following this ordinance's adoption by the City Council.

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Section 7. Pursuant to San Diego Municipal Code section 27.0402, this measure will be available for public examination for no fewer than ten calendar days prior to being submitted for printing in the sample ballot. During the examination period, any voter registered in the City may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the measure to be amended or deleted. The examination period will end on the day that is 75 days prior to the date set for the election. The Clerk shall post notice of the specific dates that the examination period will run.

Section 8. Pursuant to sections 295(b) and 295(d) of the Charter of the City of San Diego, this ordinance shall take effect on the date of passage by the City Council, which is deemed the date of its final passage.

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