

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 907-18 TO STATE THE CITY'S INTENT TO PLACE A MEASURE ON THE MARCH 2020 BALLOT PROPOSING TO AMEND CITY OF SUNNYVALE CHARTER SECTION 601

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 907-18 to address a challenge to the City's election system under the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"); and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 907-18 declared the City's intention to consider an ordinance to place on the March or November 2020 ballot a Charter Amendment(s) amending section 601 of the City of Sunnyvale Charter to eliminate at-large elections with numbered seats and establish a district-based election system (the "Charter Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, the City Council adopted a public outreach and education plan regarding the CVRA and changing the City's election system to a district-based system; and

WHEREAS, feedback at initial community meetings held in February 2019 indicated community support for a Charter Amendment ballot measure in March 2020; and

WHEREAS, at the City Council meeting on February 26, 2019, the City Council directed staff to return with an amendment to Resolution No. 907-18 reflecting the Council's intent to place a measure on the March 2020 ballot to change to district-based City Council elections; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Resolution No. 907-18 provides that it shall be amended to include additional specific steps to facilitate the process to change to a district-based election system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend Resolution No. 907-18 to reflect its intent to place the Charter Amendment on the March 2020 ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. Section 3 of Resolution No. 907-18 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 3. Following the community engagement process, the City Council shall consider adopting a resolution in a timely manner calling a municipal election for the purpose of submitting to City voters a ballot measure to place such Charter Amendment or Charter Amendments on the ballot ~~as early as in~~ March 2020, ~~but recognizing November 2020, as an alternative election date.~~

2. Section 7 is hereby added to Resolution 907-18 as follows:
 7. Consistent with the public outreach plan approved by the City Council on December 11, 2018, the Council directs staff to bring back a report on the results of public outreach at a public meeting in June 2019. The Council will consider those results and provide direction to staff regarding the content of a Charter Amendment. The Office of the City Attorney shall prepare a draft of such amendment and return to Council in sufficient time to allow for discussion, approval, and adoption of all documents necessary to place the Council's desired measure on the March 2020 ballot.
3. All other provisions of Resolution No. 907-18 shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:
 NOES:
 ABSTAIN:
 ABSENT:
 RECUSAL:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

 City Clerk
 (SEAL)

 Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 City Attorney