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## **Vernon prepares for two November Election Days, city's voters to cast ballots on slate of municipal reform measures**

**Vernon, CA** – Registered voters in the City of Vernon have been mailed official voter information pamphlets and ballots for the upcoming Tuesday, November 8 vote-by-mail election. Voter information pamphlets for the city's Tuesday, November 22 election will be mailed to city voters by November 1. Voter information pamphlets for both November Election Days are available on the city's website at [cityofvernon.org/elections](http://cityofvernon.org/elections).

Vernon's registered voters will decide the outcome of four municipal charter reform measures (Measures A, B, C and D) on **November 8**:

**Measure A** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to limit the number of terms a city council member may serve to two terms, with a lifetime ban on serving on the city council after having served two terms.

**Measure B** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to reaffirm the city's longstanding policy of ensuring payment of prevailing wages on public works projects.

**Measure C** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to remove the provision mandating at-will employment for city employees.

**Measure D** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to eliminate restrictions on the city council's authority to remove the city administrator and to reduce the city administrator's compensation.

Vernon's registered voters will decide the outcome of six additional municipal charter reform measures (Measures E, F, G, H, I and J) on **November 22**:

**Measure E** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to require the city to maintain a Housing Commission.

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**Measure F** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to ensure that an Independent Reform Monitor is retained by the city for four years.

**Measure G** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to require a special election to fill vacancies on the Vernon City Council and prohibit the appointment of council members by the City Council.

**Measure H** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to prohibit council members from increasing their compensation in excess of cost of living adjustments.

**Measure I** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to remove restrictions on the use of revenues from the city's Light and Power enterprise deposited into the city's Light and Power Fund.

**Measure J** asks Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to require the establishment of an open and competitive bidding process for city service contracts by city ordinance.

The Vernon city elections on November 8 and November 22 are vote-by-mail. Vernon registered voters may return signed envelopes containing their ballots in person to the Vernon City Clerk's Office. All ballots must be received by the Vernon City Clerk's Office by mail or in person no later than 8:00 p.m. when balloting closes on both election days.

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Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon's 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city's 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California's 'Most Business Friendly City.' Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon's businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to [www.cityofvernon.org](http://www.cityofvernon.org).