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## **Vernon voters to decide six municipal reform charter amendments in November 22 special election**

**Vernon, CA** –Vernon voters will cast ballots to decide six municipal reform charter amendments in the city’s November 22 Special Election. The balloting in tomorrow’s vote-by-mail election marks the second time this month that a municipal reform election is being held. Voter information pamphlets for tomorrow’s Special Election are available on the Vernon website at [cityofvernon.org/elections](http://cityofvernon.org/elections).

Vernon’s registered voters will decide the outcome of six 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.

**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.

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Vernon voters overwhelming approved four municipal reform charter amendments on November 8 with three-of-the-four measures winning by unanimous votes.

In addition to mailing their ballots, Vernon's 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. on November 22 when balloting closes tomorrow.

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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).**