



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT BELL'S MARCH 8, 2011 GENERAL MUNICIPAL AND SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION**

### ***Who is conducting the March 8, 2011 elections?***

The City of Bell adopted a resolution requesting the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (the "Registrar of Voters") conduct the General and Special Recall Elections.

### ***Where do I file to be a candidate in either the Special Recall or General Election?***

Bell City Hall, 6330 Pine Avenue, Bell, California. Please ask to speak with the City Clerk, Rebecca Valdez.

### ***Which members of the City Council are being recalled?***

Councilmembers Oscar Hernandez, Teresa Jacobo, George Mirabal and former Councilmember Luis Artiga are subject to recall in the special election.

### ***Which City Council seats terms expire and are up for election in the City's General Municipal Election?***

The seats currently held by Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Mirabal and Mr. Lorenzo Velez are up for election on March 8, 2011. The three candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for the General Municipal Election for City Council will serve four year terms beginning in April 2011 and expiring in April 2015.

### ***What is the nomination period for the March 8, 2011 General Municipal and Special Recall Election?***

**General Municipal Election** – nominations open on November 15, 2010; and close on December 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

**Special Recall Election** – nominations open on November 15, 2010; and close on December 23, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

***Why is the recall election being held on March 8, 2011, the same day as the Council's General Municipal Election?***

In order to save public resources, City leaders moved to consolidate the recall election with the Council's General Municipal Election. City leaders discussed this decision with the recall election proponents and they agreed that consolidation would be in the best interest of the City.

***I understand that council terms for Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Mirabal end in early April 2011. If they are recalled, what is the process for filling their seats?***

Candidate filings to succeed Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Mirabal for the recall will not be accepted because the terms expire and will be filled by the City's Municipal Election as explained more fully below.

Following the March 8, 2011 recall election and the Council's general election, the Registrar will count all of the votes. In late March, after the votes are counted, the Registrar will provide a written report of the vote count to the City Clerk. The report will be presented to the Bell City Council on April 4, 2011. At that time, the Council will approve the vote count and the newly elected members of the Council will immediately take their seats.

Because Mr. Hernandez's and Mr. Mirabal's terms expire on April 4, once the Council approves the vote count, even if the recalls against them are successful, there will not be a vacancy in their offices as a result of the recall. Instead, the vacancy will occur because their terms expire on April 4, 2011. As a result, the newly elected Council candidates will take over Mr. Hernandez's and Mr. Mirabal's seats.

***Luis Artiga resigned on October 4, 2010, why is he still being recalled?***

Because the recall was underway and the petitions had been submitted for verification before Mr. Artiga's resignation, state election law requires the recall election to go forward.

In an effort to conserve public resources, the candidate who receives the most votes in the special election for Mr. Artiga's office, notwithstanding whether the recall is successful, will fill the Council vacancy caused by Mr. Artiga's resignation.

***Can I file as a candidate to succeed either Mr. Artiga or Ms. Jacobo in the recall against them and also as a candidate for the three open seats currently held by Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Mirabal or Mr. Velez?***

No. California Election Code Section 10220.5 prohibits a candidate from filing to run for more than one office or term of office in a City election. In short, all candidates must decide whether they want to run for the recalls against Mr. Artiga and Ms. Jacobo, or to run in the General Municipal Election to fill the open seats currently held by Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Mirabal or Mr. Velez.

*As a potential candidate, how can I obtain additional information about the election and the candidate nomination process?*

On December 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at Bell City Hall, the Registrar and Bell's City Clerk will hold a Candidate's Information Forum.

*How do I contact the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk?*

<b>Online</b>	<a href="http://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>
<b>General Information</b>	(800) 815-2666
<b>Election Planning</b>	(562) 462-2317
<b>Election Information</b>	(562) 466-1310

*How do I contact the Office of the City Clerk for the City of Bell?*

<b>Online</b>	<a href="http://www.bellcityclerk.org">www.bellcityclerk.org</a>
<b>General Information</b>	(323) 588-6211