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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE CITY OF STOCKTON'S QUALIFIED VOTERS AT THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION A BALLOT MEASURE PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON WHICH WOULD REDEFINE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE POSITION OF MAYOR; REQUESTING THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION OF MARCH 7, 2000; DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE MEASURE; AUTHORIZING ARGUMENTS AND THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THE MEASURE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY CITY'S COST OF PLACING THE MEASURE ON THE ELECTION BALLOT; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO PLACE THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT AND TO CAUSE THE MEASURE TO BE PRINTED.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Stockton hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City of Stockton at the Special Municipal Election of March 7, 2000, a ballot measure proposing amendments to the Charter of the City of Stockton which would effectively redefine the role and responsibilities to the position of Mayor of the City of Stockton by giving the Mayor the authority to direct the City's Public Information Office; propose direction and goals that the annual budget would be built around, and nominate the City Manager subject to confirmation by the City Council. The proposal would establish a commission for setting the salaries of City elected officials and also expands the audit duties of the City Auditor.

That question is to appear as follows:

<b>MEASURE</b> : Approval of City of Stockton Charter Amendments relating to redefining the role and responsibilities of the position of Mayor of the City of Stockton, effective January 1, 2001.		
Shall the Charter of the City of Stockton be amended to: (1) Redefine the role and responsibilities of the position of Mayor of the City of Stockton as it relates to the Council / Manager form of government by giving the Mayor the authority to direct the City's Public Information Office; propose direction and goals that the annual budget would be built around; nominate the City Manager subject to confirmation by the City Council. <u>AND</u> (2) Establish a commission for setting the salaries for City elected officials. <u>AND</u> (3) Expand the audit duties of the City Auditor.	YES	
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Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause the Notice of Measure proposing amendments to the Stockton City Charter to redefine the role and responsibilities to the position of Mayor to be published once in The Record, the official newspaper of the City of Stockton, in accordance with Section 12111 of the Elections Code and Section 6061 of the Government Code.

Section 3. (a) A Special Municipal Election for the approval of said proposed Charter Amendments is hereby called to be held in the City of Stockton on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City the Measure set forth in Section 1 hereof. The City Council requests the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County provide for the consolidation of the Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, for the approval of said proposed Amendments to the Stockton City Charter to redefine the role and responsibility to the position of Mayor. The City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County and the Registrar of Voters of San Joaquin County on or before December 10, 1999.

(b) Said Special Municipal Election for the approval of said proposed Charter Amendments hereby called, shall be held and conducted, and the votes canvassed and the returns thereof made, and the results thereof ascertained and determined as herein provided, and in all particulars not prescribed in this resolution, said Special Municipal Election shall be held as prescribed in the Charter of said City and in all particulars not provided for therein, said election shall be held as provided by law for the holding of Special Municipal Elections in the City of Stockton, and otherwise in accordance with the Elections Code of the State of California.

(c) Said Special Municipal Election for the approval of said proposed Charter Amendments hereby called, shall be held in San Joaquin County in the City of Stockton on March 7, 2000, as required by law and the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Joaquin is authorized to canvas the returns of said Special Municipal Election with respect to the votes cast in the City of Stockton and certify the results to the City Council of the City of Stockton.

(d) At the next regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Stockton occurring after the returns of said Special Municipal Election for the approval of said proposed Charter Amendments has been canvassed and the certification of the results to the City Council, the City Council shall cause to be entered in its minutes a statement of the results of said Special Municipal Election.

Section 4. The City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure. The impartial analysis shall be limited to 500 words or less.

Section 5. The written arguments for or against the measure shall not exceed Three Hundred (300) words in length, no more than five signatures shall appear with any argument submitted pursuant to Election Code section 9283, and such arguments for or against the measure shall be submitted to the City Clerk of the City of Stockton prior to 9:00 a.m. on December 17, 1999, for the Special Municipal Election of March 7, 2000.

Section 6. Pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code, when the City Clerk has selected the arguments for and against the Measure, which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City Clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the Measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor. The authors may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding two hundred fifty (250) words. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk not more than ten (10) days after the final date for filing direct arguments. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument, which it seeks to rebut. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk no later than 9:00 a.m. on December 27, 1999, for the Special Municipal Election of March 7, 2000.

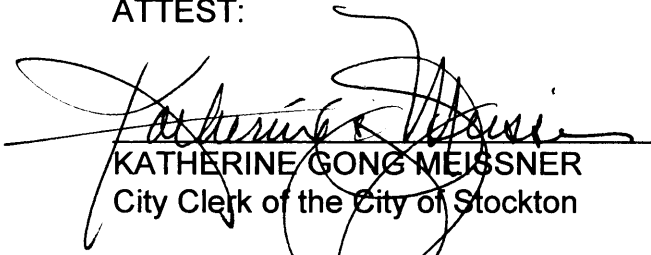
Section 7. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate the necessary funds to pay for the City's cost of placing the Measure on the election ballot.

Section 8. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to place the Measure on the ballot and to cause the Measure to be printed. A copy of the Measure shall be made available to any voter upon request.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED NOV 23 1999.

  
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GARY A. PODESTO  
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

  
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KATHERINE GONG MEISSNER  
City Clerk of the City of Stockton