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REPORT

DATE: January 3, 1990 REPORT NO.: CC 90-02

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Charles G. Abdelnour, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Elections Workshop Agenda

On October 4, 1989, the Rules Committee directed my office to schedule a City Council Workshop in January, 1990 to examine issues relating to campaign financing, disclosure and the City's elections process.

At that meeting, individual committee members indicated a desire to review and address the following issues:

1. Reduction of the nominating signature requirements;
2. Adoption of an administrative appeal to challenge the determination of petition insufficiency;
3. Elimination of a separate petition for collecting signatures to offset the candidate filing fee;
4. Additional campaign disclosure requirements;
5. Misrepresentation of Council voting records;
6. Proliferation of and accountability for campaign "hit pieces"; and
7. Independent expenditures.

Also, subsequent to the Rules meeting, Councilmembers responded to a follow-up inquiry by my office by requesting three additional campaign-related matters be included in the discussions. They are:

8. Political sign regulations;
9. Campaign petty cash regulation;
10. Conformance of the City Campaign Control Ordinance with state campaign laws.

The ten issues listed above have been separated and compiled by number in the attached binder. Pertinent background information has been provided when possible. Moreover, the City Attorney has reviewed and provided comments on several of the issues.

I hope this format and the information contained therein is of some assistance in facilitating your discussion.

Sincerely,

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Charles G. Abdelnour
City Clerk

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