



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Measure K: Charter Amendment Requiring
Run-Off Election for the Offices of Mayor, City
Attorney and Councilmember

This measure would require all the election process for elected City offices to consist of a primary election in June among all candidates for a particular office, and a run-off election in November for the top-two vote-getters in the June primary election. At present, if a candidate for office wins a majority of votes cast during the June primary election, that candidate wins the office outright and no run-off election in November is required.

The measure would increase the cost of the City's November elections by requiring additional ballot materials and vote tabulations for run-off elections that would not be required under the City's current elections process.

Had this measure been in effect during the past four election cycles in 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014, election costs would have increased between \$30,000 and \$260,000 in each election. A similar range of increased costs in future elections could be anticipated if this measure is adopted.