

# REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From the City Manager

August 11, 2003

**Subject**

Amendment of ballot measure proposing amendment to Redwood City Charter and submission of ballot measure to the voters of the City of Redwood City at the general municipal election of November 4, 2003.

**Recommendation**

Adopt a resolution authorizing submission of certain specified amendments to the Redwood City Charter to the voters of the City of Redwood City at the general municipal election of November 4, 2003.

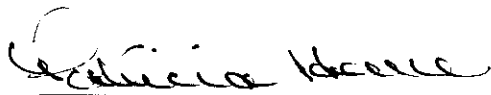
**Background**

On July 21, 2003, the City Council authorized submission of one ballot measure to the voters of Redwood City to be voted upon at the general municipal election of November 4, 2003. Said ballot measure is to consist of six (6) amendments to the City's Charter. The County of San Mateo Elections Office has notified the City Clerk that in counting the number of words within said ballot measure, the number of words exceeds the statutory maximum of seventy-five (75) words.

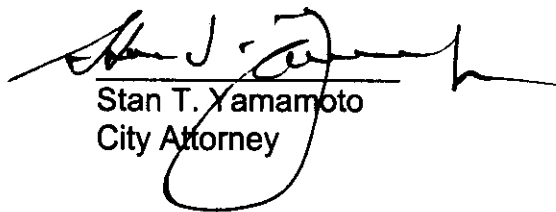
The proposed ballot measure has been rewritten to consist of less than seventy-five (75) words and remains consistent with the intent and purpose of the City Council in proposing six (6) Charter amendments. The ballot measure now reads as follows:

Shall specified sections of the City Charter be amended to update amounts requiring public bid procedures for public works contracts, to conform the City's tort claim procedures to state law, to give the City flexibility in selecting its official advertiser, to restrict appointed board and commission members from interfering in the administration and management of city departments, and to set the maximum payment period of bonds at thirty-five (35) years?

If said amended ballot language is approved by resolution of the City Council, the City Clerk will forward same to the County of San Mateo.



Patricia Howe  
City Clerk



Stan T. Yamamoto  
City Attorney

**Attachments:**  
Resolution

6.3A-2

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY,  
SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003**

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of the Charter, a General Municipal Election consolidated with the San Mateo County General Election, shall be held on November 4, 2003, for the election of Municipal Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to authority provided by Article XI of the Constitution, Title 4, Division 2, Chapter 3 of the Government Code and Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 3 (commencing at § 9255) of the Elections Code of the State of California, the City Council of the City of Redwood City desires to submit to the voters proposed Charter amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is authorized and directed by statute to submit the proposed Charter amendments to the voters; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2003, the City Council did adopt a resolution providing for a ballot measure to be submitted to the voters of the City of Redwood City amending certain sections of its charter, however, the number of words contained in said measure exceeded the statutory maximum of seventy-five (75) words; and

**WHEREAS**, said ballot measure has been rewritten to contain less than the statutory maximum of seventy-five (75) words.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED AS  
FOLLOWS:**

1. That the City Council pursuant to its right and authority under California law, hereby orders that the following question be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Redwood City at a General Municipal Election on November 4, 2003:

Shall specified sections of the City Charter be amended to update amounts requiring public bid procedures for public works contracts, to conform the City's tort claim procedures to state law, to give the City flexibility in selecting its official advertiser, to restrict appointed board and commission members from interfering in the administration and management of city departments, and to set the maximum payment period of bonds at thirty-five (35) years?

2. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

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