

Subject: Written public communications for July 16, 2013, 7:00 P.M. Regular City Council meeting
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Re: Written Public Communications - Consent Agenda Items E-8 and E-10. There should be NO CHANGES to the method used to determine which organizations can host candidate forums. And the city should not support the waste of more than a quarter million taxpayer dollars for Santa Monica's advocacy research on alleged Global Warming and Ocean Rise through the year 2050.

To: El Segundo City Council, City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk.

From: Michael D. Robbins, long time El Segundo resident.

Here is my written public communications for the July 16, 2013, 7:00 P.M. Regular El Segundo City Council meeting.

Please distribute it to the entire City Council and the City Clerk, and post it on the official City web site at ElSegundo.org on the City Council Agendas web page, <http://www.ElSegundo.org/depts/elected/agendas.asp>, as is customary.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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This written public communication for the July 16, 2013 7:00 P.M. Regular El Segundo City Council meeting addresses Consent Agenda Items E-8 and E-10.

Consent Agenda Item E-8:

"8. Consideration and possible action to adopt a Resolution establishing policies regarding use of City cable broadcast facilities for the production of local election candidate statements, statements regarding local ballot measures and third-party sponsored debates/forums. (Fiscal Impact: None for FY 12/13; \$1,600.00 estimated per election year)

Recommendation - 1) Adopt the Resolution; 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other possible action related to this item."

I oppose this resolution for several reasons and I recommend AGAINST its adoption. It is seriously flawed and unnecessary. If it's not broken, then don't fix it, and certainly don't break it.

Instead, allow any number of organizations to hold a candidate forum, and do not impose arbitrary, biased, and unnecessary restrictions on organizations that want to hold a candidate forum, such as having been organized for at least five consecutive years. Our city has not had a problem with too many candidate forums in the past.

I believe the proposed resolution violates the First Amendment constitutional rights of newer organizations, it exposes the city to expensive litigation from outside civil liberties organizations that make a living by suing cities, and it creates a conflict of interest for the elected city clerk who will make decisions that give herself and her favored city council and treasurer candidates an advantage over their challengers.

The resolution shuts out newer organizations that may form because voters are dissatisfied with the political positions and activities of groups like the League of Women Voters and the Chamber of Commerce. It also allows the city clerk to arbitrarily decide which organizations meet the specified requirements to her satisfaction, regardless of the facts.

The resolution explicitly states that extremely liberal organizations, such as the League of Women Voters, meet the requirements to hold a candidate forum, in spite of their highly partisan political activities. The League of Women Voters claims it is non-partisan for tax purposes because it does not endorse candidates. However, it takes positions on ballot measures and lobbies for controversial legislation such as "gun control" laws that target and restrict ordinary law-abiding citizens and have been shown to increase violent crime.

The resolution creates a conflict of interest for the elected city clerk, who will be put in the position of deciding which organizations will be allowed to host candidate forums in which she and her challengers will participate. Although the city clerk and city council members hold officially non-partisan elected offices, the occupants of those offices are often highly partisan. The responsibility and authority to allow some organizations to host candidate forums and deny that right to others can bias the forums and election outcome in favor of some candidates and against others.

Section 6, Guideline C, prohibits a candidate from asking candidates whether they support or oppose a particular ballot measure. The voters have a right to know each candidate's positions on ballot measures, such as Measure P in the April 10, 2012 city election. It states, "The content of the forum/debate must be informational in nature and may not include advocacy for or against a particular candidate or advocacy for or against a particular ballot measure."

Therefore, I urge you to vote NO on the resolution in Consent Agenda item E-8.

Consent Agenda Item E-10:

"10. Consideration and possible action regarding adopting a resolution in support of a grant application submitted by the City of Santa Monica, as the lead agency, to the California Coastal Commission to research trends and impacts of sea level rise in Southern California. (Fiscal Impact: None)

Recommendation - 1) Adopt the attached resolution supporting a grant application to research trends and impacts of sea level rise in Southern California; 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other possible action related to this item."

The city should not support the waste of more than a quarter million taxpayer dollars for Santa Monica's advocacy research on alleged Global Warming and Ocean Rise through the year 2050.

Much of the Global Warming research has been found to be fraudulent. The hacked and released emails from the University of East Anglia in England, the center for Global Warming research result, proved that the Global Warming research results were based on fraud and unscientific data manipulation.

The sun is actually at a solar output maximum. Global temperatures have not been rising for at least twenty years and are likely to decline. Global Warming research fraud appears to be directed at advocating Marxist political agendas, including national and

international redistribution of wealth through government issued carbon dioxide emission quotas that can be sold from non-producers to producers.

That concludes my public communications for the July 16, 2013, 7:00 P.M. El Segundo City Council meeting.