July 18, 2011

The Honorable City Council  
Palo Alto, California

Recommendation from Policy & Services Committee Regarding Adoption of Two Resolutions Calling a Special Election for November 8, 2011 Submitting to the Electorate (1) A Measure To Eliminate Binding Interest Arbitration Requirements for Disputes with Public Safety Employees by Repealing Article V of the City Charter, and (2) A Measure To Substantially Modify Binding Interest Arbitration Requirements for Disputes with Public Safety Employees by Amending Article V of the City Charter; and Adoption of an Ordinance Adding Section 2.36.040 to the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Require Impartial Mediation for Impasses in Labor Contract Negotiations

On July 12, 2011, the Policy & Services Committee recommended that two resolutions proposing ballot measures to (1) repeal and (2) significantly modify binding interest arbitration, as well as an ordinance proposing mediation for impasses in labor contract disputes, be forwarded to the full Council for consideration on July 18, 2011.

Final drafts of the resolutions and ordinance will be provided in a late packet on Friday, July 15, 2011. In the meantime, the draft resolutions and ordinance reviewed by the Policy and Services Committee on July 12 can be viewed in the City Clerk’s office or online at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/knowzone/agendas/policy.asp>.

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