

**City of Burbank  
City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure Y  
Board of Education Charter Amendment**

**Measure Y:**

**City Attorney's Impartial Analysis:**

The Burbank City Charter establishes the Board of Education for the public schools in the Burbank Unified School District ("BUSD") (Charter Section 1100). This section also provides that elections for members of the Board of Education are subject to the election process in the Charter.

The "California Voter Participation Rights Act" was enacted to increase voter participation and requires a political subdivision including a school district to change its elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, if there has been a significant decrease in voter turnout. "Significant decrease" means turnout for a regularly scheduled school district election is at least 25% less than the average turnout for the previous four statewide general elections.

BUSD Board members' elections are held with and at the same time as the City of Burbank elections for City Council, City Clerk and City Treasurer. Burbank voter data for the last four statewide general elections shows an average turnout of 60.43%. In the last four odd-numbered year, standalone, all mail ballot general elections, Burbank's average voter turnout was 16.95%, which is 43.48% less voter turnout.

In December 2017, the BUSD Board of Education decided to follow the dictates of California Voter Participation Rights Act for Board member elections. The Board voted to eliminate the primary election and have one general election in November of even-numbered years to coincide with the statewide general election starting in November 2020, and to have Los Angeles County conduct their elections.

City Council placed this Measure on the ballot to amend Charter Section 1100 to clarify that members of the Board of Education shall be elected in accordance with state election procedures rather than the election procedures in the Charter.

A "yes" vote approves the Charter amendment to Section 1100 and needs a simple majority vote to pass.

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**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Y. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Burbank City Clerk's Office at (818) 238-5851 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure and other election material from the internet on the City's home page at [www.burbankca.gov](http://www.burbankca.gov)**

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**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Y**  
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