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PARKS AND RECREATION

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Parks and Recreation Commission  
Sacramento, California

**SUBJECT: Proposed Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance Changes to Realign Terms to be Concurrent with Term of the Mayor or Council Member and to Address Required Number of Meetings per Year**

**LOCATION:** Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION:** For Commission Information

**CONTACT PERSONS:** Stephanie Mizuno, Deputy City Clerk, 808-8093 and Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

**FOR MEETING DATE OF:** November 1, 2012

**SUMMARY:** At the request of Council Members, the City Clerk's Office is preparing an ordinance to change current terms so that each Commission member's term runs concurrently with the term of the Mayor or Council Member who appointed that Commission member. This action provides the elected official the flexibility to select his/her own representative shortly after taking office. So that terms may be evenly staggered, the terms of the members who are nominated by the Personnel and Public Employees Committee (P&PE) will also need to be adjusted. To make this change, the entire code section must be repealed and re-enacted, affecting all seats and requiring them all to be reopened for application and appointment. The current Commissioners would stay seated until all of the seats for the reconstituted Commission have been appointed. A Commissioner's prior service will not count towards the two term limit if they are appointed to the new Commission.

At the recommendation of Parks and Recreation staff, a modification will be proposed to reduce the required number of meetings held per year from ten to eight. This will eliminate a requirement to hold a meeting simply to reach a "per year" quota. Eight meetings annually provides a more realistic minimum number of Commission meetings and would be more efficient.

This item is scheduled to be heard by the Council's Law and Legislation Committee on November 8<sup>th</sup>. With Council support the new ordinance may become effective in January. The City Clerk's office will notify the Commissioners when the application period opens for appointments to the new Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Support Services Manager