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Honorable City Council  
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RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 153  
RELATING TO TAKING OF OFFICE BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members in Session:

SUMMARY:

The Law and Legislation Committee and the City Clerk recommend that Section 153 of the City Charter be amended to provide that elected officials take office on the fourth Tuesday after the election, rather than the third Tuesday as presently stated in Section 153.

**APPROVED**  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed amendment is as follows:

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Sec. 153. Taking office.

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All elected officials shall take office the ~~third~~ fourth Tuesday following the first Monday in the month of November in the year of their election, and their terms of office shall commence on said date.

The reason for the proposed amendment is that the election results are often not ready by the third Tuesday following the first Monday of November. This date is only two weeks after the election and the County Registrar of Elections often needs the additional time to complete the election results. The proposed change in Section 153 would provide that the Council members take office three weeks after the election. This change is consistent with Council practice.

RECOMMENDATION

The Law and Legislation Committee and the City Clerk recommend that the proposed amendment be presented to the voters at the November 1980 election.

Very truly yours,  
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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

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