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OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK
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September 13, 1979

Mr. Ray J. Ortiz
Registrar of Voters
5201-1 Ruffin Road
P.O. Box 23044
San Diego, California 92123

Dear Mr. Ortiz:

As you are aware the City, like the County, is extremely cost conscious in all matters of operations, purchased services and other expenditures.

In order to comply with the spirit of our Council's posture on economical operations for the City as regards the conduct of elections, it is the policy of this office to direct that only those procedures or services be provided that are actually required to ensure legal City elections.

We are aware that the Registrar's Office has received unfavorable press in the past, especially for the "long" time to produce election results. It is a matter of record that the time interval for producing returns was shortened for the November, 1978, election by a procedure for early ballot pick-up which was approved by the State and County and successfully employed. However, there was an added cost to the County for implementing this procedure. For City elections it is considered that such a procedure is not cost-effective and, therefore, shall not be used.

For any planned procedures that could have an unfavorable fiscal impact on City elections, we would ask that it be submitted to this office as a proposal for which we would seek Council approval.

Your continued cooperation in assisting this office and the City on election matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR
City Clerk

cc: Mayor
Council Members
City Attorney, Attn: Stuart H. Swett

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