

City of Pasadena

Office of the Mayor & City Council GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

The City has a Council-Manager form of government with seven City Council districts each electing a Council member to a four-year term. The Mayor is an at-large or Citywide elected position serving a four-term. The City Council is responsible for setting policies, passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing committee members, and hiring the City Manager, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, and the City Clerk. The Mayor acts as the chief executive of the City in performing all acts required to be performed under the laws of the State of California and our City Charter. The Mayor is the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes, by the Courts for the purpose of serving civil process and by the Governor of the State for military purposes. The Mayor has a voice and vote in all proceedings of the City Council and presides over City Council meetings.

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Sweeping changes to California's election dates could extend Pasadena's mayor and half the City Council's terms by more than a year.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra determined earlier this month that **charter cities, like Pasadena, must comply with the California Voter Participation Rights Act**, a law signed in 2015 that will force cities to hold their elections in even years, when state or federal officers are also on the ballot.

The law specifically **forbids cities from holding their own elections when the average turnout is 25 percent less than statewide races.**

Becerra's opinion means Pasadena may also have to shift its election dates.

If Pasadena chooses to make the shift by 2020, one option would delay the 2019 elections for mayor and four council districts to either June or November of the following year, according to a staff presentation.

The city could also temporarily reduce the terms for council members to three years to host elections in 2020 and 2022.

Another option is to wait until they're forced to make a change and then challenge it in court

Complicating matters even more, **Pasadena's City Council can't simply vote to change the date of their elections. As a charter city, they have to take the changes to voters for approval.**

Pasadena will have to make a decision by January 2018, as the CVPRRA requires cities to submit a plan by that date. **They don't have to implement the changes until 2022**, but with a limited window, they will have to put the matter on a ballot within the next two years if they choose to comply with the act.