

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
MINUTES – SPECIAL STUDY SESSION  
October 20, 2015  
2:30 p.m.  
City Council Chamber**

PRESENT: Mayor Gold  
Vice Mayor Mirisch  
Councilmember Brien  
Councilmember Bosse  
Councilmember Krasne  
Mahdi Aluzri, City Manager  
David Snow, Assistant City Attorney

ABSENT: None

**A – DIRECTION**

1. **Request by Vice Mayor Mirisch to Consider Adoption of Local Election Regulations**  
Vice Mayor Mirisch requests that the City Council consider adoption of regulations related to campaign activities for elections conducted within the City.

Vice Mayor Mirisch expressed his reason for bringing up the item, why it raised his concerns and his ideas for consideration. Assistant City Attorney David Snow read Government Code and State Political Reform Act Section 81013, provided his interpretation and commented on Vice Mayor Mirisch's ideas. Mr. Snow clarified that it is unclear whether the City has the authority to impose local election rules beyond City municipal elections. However, he noted that there is nothing expressed in the statute to prohibit it either. He stated that it is currently an open question and that an inquiry was made to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) which was unable to provide a clear answer as well.

Council expressed offense by the campaign tactics being utilized in the current Beverly Hills Unified School District election, thanked and congratulated one another for stepping up to the plate to address the behavior, and for seeking a solution to create fairness and prevent future unacceptable acts.

Council's consensus was to move forward with studying the request.

**B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)**

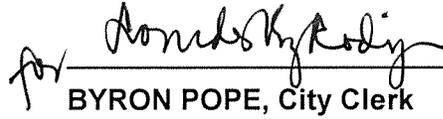
None

**C – INFORMATION**

None

The Study Session adjourned at 4:55 pm to the Closed Session to discuss the items identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2015

  
BYRON POPE, City Clerk

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JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D., MAYOR

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