



Date: Wednesday, December 30th, 2015
To: Members of the Rules Committee
Abel Guillen
Dan Kalb
President Pro Temp Larry Reid
Cc: LaTonda Simmons, City Clerk
Barbara Parker, City Attorney
From: Council President Lynette Gibson McElhaney
Re: Amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure

Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

I have requested that the Rules Committee consider amending the City Council's Rules of Procedure as currently set forth in Resolution Nos. 82580 C.M.S., 85355 C.M.S, 84758 (Censure Policy and Procedures) C.M.S. and 85256 C.M.S (Amendments to Rule 25, High Stakes Negotiation Policy). The proposed resolution would amend the Rules of Procedure in the following ways:

- 1) Change the terms of the members and chairpersons of the Council's standing committees and the President pro tempore to one year from the current term of two years.¹ (See Rules 4 and 6.) The resolution amends Resolution No. 85355 C.M.S so that this new policy would take effect beginning in 2016.
- 2) Consolidate previous amendments to the Rules of Procedure into one resolution. The resolutions concerning 'Censure Policy and Procedures' and 'Amendments to Rule 25, High Stakes Negotiation Policy' would be consolidated into a single resolution

As always, I thank you for your leadership and partnership in making Oakland a better community for all.

Signed,

Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

¹ City Charter section 208 provides that at its first meeting in January of each year, the Council shall elect a Vice-Mayor from among its members to serve for a one-year term.

