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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AGREES TO LET VOTERS DECIDE  
ELECTION FUTURE**

- ***5-0 Vote Comes After Resident Input***
- ***“Let Our Residents Decide How Future Elections Will Be Held”***
- ***Special Election Called For June 2014***

The Whittier City Council unanimously voted last night to allow residents to vote on a proposed City Charter amendment that would change how Council members are elected to office. The 5-0 vote came after more than 30 residents provided input during the public comment portion of last night’s meeting, many supporting a change to district-based elections.

“Our council was united in wanting to let our residents decide how future elections will be held in the City of Whittier,” said Mayor Bob Henderson. “The option we unanimously approved will allow all residents in our great city to have their voices heard and they will decide this important issue – as opposed to having it decided by outside forces.”

The council unanimously approved a Special Municipal Election to be held on June 3, 2014, for submitting to the voters a Charter amendment establishing a directly elected Mayor position and district based Council members. The proposed Mayoral election would occur every two years, while the Council term would be four years.

Anyone who was unable to attend last night’s meeting can watch a rebroadcast of the meeting on Channel 3 or on the City’s website at [www.cityofwhittier.org](http://www.cityofwhittier.org).

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