


**TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

<b>SUBJECT:</b> An ordinance appointing the presiding and alternate judges for the Early Voting Ballot Boards, central counting stations, and voting precincts for the City of Houston Special Election to be held on November 8, 2016, relating to the legalization of the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only in the area formerly known as the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918; and prescribing the number of election clerks for each voting precinct		<b>Page</b> 1 of 1	<b>Agenda Item #</b>
<b>FROM (Department or other point of origin):</b>  City Secretary's Office		<b>Origination Date</b>	<b>Agenda Date</b>
<b>DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 		<b>Council District affected:</b>  District C	
<b>For additional information contact:</b> Anna Russell, City Secretary 832-393-1100		<b>Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:</b> Ord. 2016-605 (8-10-16)	
<b>RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)</b> Adopt an ordinance appointing the presiding and alternate judges for the Early Voting Ballot Boards, central counting stations, and voting precincts for the City of Houston Special Election to be held on November 8, 2016, and prescribing the number of election clerks for each precinct and their rates of pay.			
<b>Amount and Source of Funding:</b> N/A			
<b>SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:</b> On July 6, 2016, Petitioner Houston Heights Beverage Coalition submitted a local option liquor petition on the issue of the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only in the area formally known as the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 (the "area"). On August 3, 2016, the City Secretary certified that the petition contained sufficient valid signatures to require City Council to call a special election on the issue for qualified voters living in the area on the next uniform election date, which is November 8, 2016. On August 10, 2016, the City Council passed an ordinance calling a special election in the area formerly known as the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 for the legalization of the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.  As required by Texas Election Code Section 32.005, the proposed ordinance appoints presiding and alternate judges for the Early Voting Ballot Boards, central counting stations, and City election precincts for the special election to be held on November 8, 2016. The proposed ordinance also establishes the maximum number of election clerks for each City election precinct and their rates of pay.			
<b>REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION</b>			
<b>Other Authorization:</b>	<b>Other Authorization:</b>	<b>Other Authorization:</b>	