ABOUT THE CITY COUNCIL

Members of the City Council are elected from the City at large.

Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected until the number declared elected equals the number of Council offices to be filled at that election. All ties shall be decided by lot in the presence of the candidates concerned and under the direction of the election authorities.

Terms of Office. Members of the City Council shall hold office for a period of four years from and after 8:00 p.m. of the day of the City Council Reorganization Meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday in December (following the election) and until their successors are elected and qualified, provided that any persons elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

In the election of members of the City Council where full terms and one or more unexpired terms are to be filled, no distinction shall be made in nomination or voting between the full terms and the unexpired terms. The full terms shall be filled first and the unexpired terms last on the basis that those receiving the highest number of votes in the election at which they are elected shall successfully fill the first available offices.

Compensation. City Councilmembers shall receive a maximum of $300/month.

Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Insofar as possible, Councilmembers take turns as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. The rotation was traditionally based on the order of finish in the elections, with the top vote getter taking the first turn, the next in line taking the second, and so on. In the new rotation, effective in 2009 (adopted by Council in 2006), the outgoing Mayor will follow: 1) those members already in the rotation, and 2) any first-time elected Councilmember(s). The order of the first-time elected Councilmember(s) will be based on the order of finish in the election, with the first-time elected Councilmember receiving the most votes taking the first term, the next in line taking the second, and so on. Once a Councilmember's position in the new rotation is established, it does not change based upon the future order of election results.

In accordance with this rotation, the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are nominated at the first Council meeting in December, and are selected by a vote of their peers on the

Council. They serve for a one-year term. In the customary rotation, the Mayor Pro Tem is nominated to serve as Mayor at the end of the Mayor's one-year term.

The Mayor presides over the sessions of the Council, signs official documents when the signature is required by law, and acts as official head of the City on public and ceremonial occasions.

In the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem performs the duties of Mayor.

Meetings. The City Council holds its regular meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers of the Civic Center located at 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California. The Council may hold Closed Sessions to consider any matter permitted by State law.

Special meetings of the City Council may be called and at these meetings, only specific business that has been stated can be considered.

Members of the City Council also serve as members of the Agoura Hills Financing Authority and Redevelopment Agency.

Three members of the Council constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.

Ethics Training. Effective January 1, 2006, state law (AB 1234) requires that local officials that receive compensation, salary, stipends, or expense reimbursements must receive training in public service ethics laws and principles every two years. Training options will be provided through the City Clerk's Office.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Study sessions are held from time to time for in-depth review and discussion of major projects or policies or to meet with various advisory boards or committees or other agencies. Councilmembers also serve as the City's representatives for the following Intergovernmental and Special Purpose Committees:

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center Joint Powers Authority
- Art in Public Places Committee
- City/Schools Committee
- Community Services Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Environmental Responsibility Committee
- Finance Committee
- General Plan Advisory Committee
- Las Virgenes/Malibu Council of Governments
- Law Enforcement Committee

- Legislative Committee
- Norms Review (City Council)
- Public Works Committee
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

In addition, the Mayor and a voting alternate serve on the following:

- California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA)
- League of California Cities

The following represents the standing Council Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the City:

- Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center Joint Powers Authority
- Business Task Force
- General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)
- Planning Commission