RESOLUTION NO. 2021-54

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO MODIFYING RULES RELATED TO TERM LIMITS FOR CITY COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, the City of El Cerrito currently has 5 City Advisory Committees totaling over 75 appointments; and

WHEREAS, terms of service for boards and commissions are set by the City’s Municipal Code section 2.04.220(B)(3) at four years commencing on March 1, and limited to two consecutive full four-year terms, unless otherwise specified by council resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Municipal Code section 2.04.220(C) states that Committees shall be governed by the same criteria as boards and commissions unless otherwise prescribed by council resolution; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2001 Resolution 2001-105 was adopted providing no term limits for the Crime Prevention Committee; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2013 Resolution 2013-66 was adopted forming the Economic Development Committee, and specifying that terms shall commence on January 1st.

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2021, Resolution 2021-04 was adopted providing three full four-year term limits for the Urban Forest Committee; and

WHEREAS, certain committees do not have the adopted rules correctly applied with regard to term length and term limits;

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, the City Council held a study session on Boards, Commissions, and Committees and directed staff to modify the three term limits for all city committees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Cerrito does hereby set the term limits for City Committees to three full four-year terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution does not apply to the Citizens Street Oversight Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that section 8(B) of Resolution 2001-105 is hereby amended as follows (additions shown in italics and deletions shown in strikethrough):

B. Terms are four years unless a member is removed from office by the City Council pursuant to Section 2.04.220(B)(4). Terms shall commence on March 1st unless appointed to fill a partial term, for which term shall commence on the date of appointment by the City Council. Members may not serve on the committee for more than three more than two consecutive full terms.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution 2013-66 is hereby amended to commence terms for the Economic Development Committee on March 1st.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Aging, Crime Prevention Committee, and Environmental Quality Committee active members be grandfathered in by assignment of an initial term set to expire on March 1st of 2023, 2024 or 2025 to stagger terms, with longer initial terms given to those with a shorter period of service. The initial term shall not count toward the three term limit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on October 19, 2021 the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Fadelli; Mayor Pro Tem Quinto; Councilmembers Abelson, Motoyama, and Rudnick
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on October 24, 2021.

Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Paul Fadelli, Mayor