

**BALLOT TITLE**

**CAPTION:**

Amends Charter: Authorizes City participation in emergency mutual aid agreements.

**QUESTION:**

Shall Charter be amended to authorize emergency mutual aid agreements between the City and other government entities, tribes or utilities?

**SUMMARY:**

The measure amends the Charter by clarifying Council authority to enter into and fund mutual aid agreements to provide or receive emergency assistance between the City and other government entities, tribes or utilities following a significant natural disaster or other major disruption to water-related services. Mutual aid agreements permit emergency responders to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries when an emergency response exceeds local resources. Mutual aid agreements typically address the furnishing of personnel, equipment or expertise in a specific manner when an emergency occurs.