



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. X.C.  
9/13/2016

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilmembers Shadid, White, Salyer, Pettis Jr. and Stonecipher

Resolution urging all registered voters in The City of Oklahoma City to “Vote No on State Question 777” at the statewide election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, due to all the potential adverse effects of State Question 777 on the health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma City residents.

### Background

During the 2015 legislative session, the Oklahoma Legislature passed House Joint Resolution 1012, which proposes adding a new section to the Oklahoma Constitution that “protects the rights of citizens and lawful residents of Oklahoma to engage in farming and ranching practices.” The measure would further prohibit the passage of laws that would take away the right to employ agricultural technology and livestock production without a compelling state interest.”

On August 30, 2016, the Mayor and Council approved a Resolution declaring that they are critically concerned that the passage of State Question 777 (SQ 777) by voters could negatively impact vital municipal land use controls and jeopardize the City’s ability to otherwise promote the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens and residents of the City.

The attached Resolution would urge all registered voters within The City of Oklahoma City to “Vote No on State Question 777 (SQ 777)” at the statewide election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.