



Report to City Council

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jane Halstead, Manager of the Office of Mayor and City Council/City Clerk

AGENDA DATE: June 18, 2024

TITLE: GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 5, 2024; RESOLUTIONS CALLING ELECTION, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (REPORT OF: CITY CLERK)

TITLE SUMMARY: General Municipal Election – November 5, 2024

Recommendation(s)

That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-XX - A Resolution calling an election titled: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California Calling and Giving Notice of a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for certain officers, as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California, Relating to General Law Cities".
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-XX - A Resolution requesting election consolidation titled: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside to Consolidate a General Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 with the Calling and Giving Notice of a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 with the Statewide General Election to be Held on that Date, Pursuant to Sec. 10403 of the California Elections Code".
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-XX - A Resolution establishing regulations and cost for Candidate Statements titled: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, Providing for Regulations Pertaining to Materials for Candidates and

Costs Pertaining to Candidate Statements submitted to the Voters at the Special Municipal Election and the General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024”.

SUMMARY

The next General Municipal Election in the City of Moreno Valley will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. It will be consolidated with the City’s Special Municipal Election on the same date to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of District 3 Council Member. The purpose of the General Municipal Election is to elect a Mayor for a two-year term and two members of the City Council for four-year terms. The State Elections Code requires the adoption of resolutions for the purpose of: 1) calling and giving notice of the General Municipal Election; 2) requesting that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors consent to the consolidation of the election with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date; and 3) establishing regulations and costs for candidate statements.

DISCUSSION

In order to initiate the election process, appropriate resolutions are presented for action to be taken by the Mayor and City Council.

Pursuant to California Elections Code, a municipality may request that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors consolidate its Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election. The County Registrar of Voters conducts the election in all respects as if there was a single election with multiple offices and measures. The City of Moreno Valley has consolidated its General Municipal Election since 1986.

In order to call an election and consolidate with the statewide election, the City must adopt resolutions that call and give notice of an election and request that the County Board of Supervisors consent to the consolidation and agree to provide election services. These services include hiring poll workers, establishing polling places, translating, printing, and mailing the voter’s ballot pamphlet; and canvassing the ballots. This delegation does not include services provided by the City Clerk, such as issuing and accepting nomination papers. It is also advisable to adopt a resolution at the same time to establish regulations and costs for candidate statements.

On May 7, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-18 Calling and Giving Notice of a Special Municipal Election to be held in the City of Moreno Valley on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 to fill the remaining term of the vacancy created by the resignation of former District 3 Council Member and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside to Consolidate the Special Municipal Election with the Consolidated General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024.

The action to either call a Special Election or make an appointment to fill the vacancy was required within 60 days of the April 16, 2024, resignation or by June 15th. Because an estimated cost of the candidate statement was not yet available from the Registrar of Voters office, a Resolution Establishing Regulations for Candidate Statements will be

incorporated into the Resolution presented this evening for both the Special Municipal Election and General Municipal Election.

Tie Votes

The Call for a General Municipal Election includes a process for determining the outcome of a tie vote. If the County Registrar certified that any two or more people receive an equal and highest number of votes, the City Council must have predetermined a method of selecting an actual winner. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 15651 (a), the City may select to settle ties by lot. The candidate so chosen shall qualify, take office, and serve as though elected at the preceding general district election. Traditionally, the City of Moreno Valley has included a determination by lot in its call for election resolution, and this provision is included in Section 10 for the resolution calling the election. As an alternative, however, pursuant to E.C. Section 15651 (b), the City Council can request the County to schedule and hold a run-off election. This determination must be made prior to the election at which a tie vote occurs.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt all three Resolutions calling for the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election, requesting consolidation with the Statewide General Election, and establishing regulations and costs for candidate statements, as presented.
2. Modify the Resolutions calling the election to delete the provision for settling a tie vote by lot, and direct staff to prepare a resolution calling for a runoff election in the instance of a tie vote.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City budget includes \$536,000 to conduct the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election. The County of Riverside is expected to provide more current cost estimates in the near future, and the budget will be adjusted accordingly in a future quarterly budget review.

NOTIFICATION

Posting of agenda and subsequent publication of Notice of Election.

PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT

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CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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