



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



July 12, 2022

TITLE

City Election: Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on June 7, 2022, Declaring the Results; Calling and Giving Notice of a Special Municipal Election to be Held November 8, 2022; and Adopting Regulations About the Election

Report Number: 22-0170

Location: No specific geographic location

Department: City Clerk

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

Recommended Action

Adopt resolutions A) Reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on June 7, 2022, declaring the results thereof, and other related matters; B) Calling a Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to conduct a runoff election to elect a Mayor, two members of the City Council, representing Districts 1 and 2, and a City Attorney; consolidating the election with the statewide election; and requesting the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors to permit the Registrar of Voters to perform certain services for the conduct of the election; and C) Adopting regulations for candidates for elective office related to candidate statements to voters at the Special Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

SUMMARY

The Registrar of Voters has transmitted the certified results of the General Municipal Election held on June 7, 2022. Elections Code Section 10262(b) requires the City Clerk, as the City elections official, to certify the results of the election to the City Council, which shall adopt a resolution reciting the fact of the election.

Adoption of the resolutions declares the results of the General Municipal Election; provides for a Special Municipal (Runoff) Election to elect a Mayor, two City Council members who will represent Districts 1 and 2, and a City Attorney, and adopts regulations about materials prepared by candidates for the Special Election and the associated costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that this activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change to the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

The General Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, to elect a Mayor, two members of the City Council to represent Districts 1 and 2, and a City Attorney, each for a full term, commencing in December 2022. Certified results of the election are attached as Exhibit 1. Chula Vista Charter sections 300(A)(3), 300(E), and 503(c) require the two candidates receiving the highest and second-highest number of votes for each office to participate in a Special (Runoff) Election to be held in November.

The total number of votes received by each candidate is listed below. The candidates who received the highest and second-highest number of votes and who will participate in the Special Runoff Election in November are listed in bold.

FOR MAYOR (four-year term)

JOHN MCCANN	13,580 VOTES (30.82%)
AMMAR CAMPA-NAJJAR	9,943 VOTES (22.56%)
JILL M. GALVEZ	8,689 VOTES (19.72%)
ZANETA ENCARNACION	5,974 VOTES (13.56%)
RUDY RAMIREZ	3,008 VOTES (6.83%)
SPENCER CASH	2,840 VOTES (6.44%)
Christine Brady (Write-in Candidate)	35 VOTES (0.08%)

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1 (four-year term)

CAROLINA CHAVEZ	4,696 VOTES (34.48%)
MARCO CONTRERAS	3,742 VOTES (27.47%)
FRANCISCO “FRANK” RIVERA	2,385 VOTES (17.51%)
ROBERT MICHAEL CROMER	1,608 VOTES (11.81%)
MARK LIUAG	1,190 VOTES (8.74%)

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2 (four-year term)

STEVE STENBERG	4,179 VOTES (38.34%)
JOSE PRECIADO	3,856 VOTES (35.38%)
PATTI S. GROULX	1,099 VOTES (10.08%)
FRANCIA CASTRO	1,030 VOTES (9.45%)
JOHN H. BORJA	736 VOTES (6.75%)

FOR CITY ATTORNEY (four-year term)

SIMON SILVA

20,856 VOTES (49.80%)

DAN SMITH

13,998 VOTES (33.42%)

JOHN MOOT

7,028 VOTES (16.78%)

California Elections Code section 10403 requires the City Council to adopt a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to consolidate Chula Vista's election with the statewide election and to permit the Registrar of Voters to perform certain services in conjunction with the City's election.

California Elections Code section 13307 provides that the local agency must adopt regulations about the materials prepared by candidates and the costs thereof. Historically, the City has allowed each candidate to submit a candidate statement of no more than 200 words. Candidates who choose to file a candidate's statement for the Special Runoff Election in November will be required to pay a deposit at the time their statements are filed with the City Clerk. Should the actual cost be less than the amount of the deposit, the balance will be refunded to the candidates; and should the actual cost be more, candidates will be billed for the difference.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Councilmembers do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware and has not been informed by any City Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the November 8, 2022, Special Election will require a budget of \$315, 000. This has been allocated in the FY2023 budget.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit 1 - Certified Results of the June 7, 2022 election

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