



Legislation Text

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Adopt a Resolution, Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election for the City of San Leandro and Adopting an Ordinance to Establish Election and Nomination Procedures for the November 8, 2022 City of San Leandro General Municipal Election

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to conduct the City's General Municipal Election on November 8, 2022, the City Council must take the following actions:

1. Adopt a resolution calling for the holding of the General Municipal Election, requesting consolidation with the Statewide General Election, and adopting regulations for candidate statements; and
2. Adopt an ordinance establishing candidate nomination procedures.

BACKGROUND

To provide the necessary authorization and direction to staff to conduct the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election, the City Council must approve two legislative documents. These documents and their purposes are listed below.

1. Resolution Calling for the Holding of the General Municipal Election

This resolution provides for the holding of the General Municipal Election for the election of City Councilmembers for Districts 1, 3, and 5, and the Office of the Mayor. It directs the City Clerk to perform the publications, postings and noticing for the election required by the California Elections Code.

Secondly, this resolution requests that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors permit the consolidation of the City of San Leandro General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election; to direct the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to provide election services to the City, and to bill the City for the cost of conducting the election.

Lastly, this resolution sets the following regulations for candidate statements:

- Establishes a maximum of 200 words for each candidate statement of qualifications;
- Disallows any additional candidate materials to be mailed with the Sample Ballot and Voter Pamphlet;
- Sets a deposit amount of \$1,400.00, to be paid by candidates at the time of filing nominating papers and candidate statements, for their pro-rata share of the costs of printing, handling, translating and mailing the candidate statements. Following the election, candidates will be

refunded any overage or billed for any additional costs.

2. Ordinance Establishing Election and Nomination Procedures

Section 610 of the City of San Leandro Charter states that the City Council, by uncodified ordinance, may provide for the method of conducting municipal elections. This ordinance provides for the publication of the Notice of Election by the City Clerk, the method of nomination of candidates, filing dates for nomination papers, and time extension if an incumbent fails to file. It also sets provisions for the procedure to be used if no candidate files for an office and provides for the use of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). Pursuant to California Government Code Section 36937(a), as this ordinance relates to an election, it is effective immediately upon adoption.

Summary of Public Outreach Efforts

The City's elections web pages have been updated for the upcoming election. Election information will also be provided to the press, published on the City's elections web page, and shown on the City's Government Access Channel 15.

Fiscal Impacts

The 2022 election is estimated to cost \$335,000. Per the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, the cost of a general election is Four to Six Dollars per registered voter, as of the date of publication, the City has 50,238 registered voters which is estimated to be \$301,428. To account for additional registered voters between now and October 24, 2022, the last day to register to vote in the 2022 General Election, plus the cost of public noticing and election supplies, the estimated cost is \$335,000.

Budget Authority

Sufficient funds are included in the FY 2022-2023 General Fund budget (Account 010-11-031-5890) for funding the election costs.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A - Resolution Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held Tuesday, Nov 8, 2022
- Attachment B - Ordinance to Establish Election and Nomination Procedures for November 8, 2022

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