

IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XXX

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR FILLING THE DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY; REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSOLIDATE THE ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION; AND ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of San Leandro provides the right and authority for the City to exercise control over its municipal affairs, including the election and appointment of members of the City Council;

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the District 2 City Council office due to the resignation of District 2 Council Member Byan Azevedo, having been duly elected on November 5, 2024 and vacating his seat effective February 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Section 250 of the City Charter provides that a vacancy in the office of Council Member shall be filled by appointment by the City Council within sixty days after its existence, requiring that the District 2 City Council seat be filled by appointment by April 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Section 250 of the City Charter further provides that if no appointment is made within sixty days after its existence, the City Council shall call for a special election, at which the unexpired remainder of the term of such office shall be filled by the voters; and

WHEREAS, applications were solicited from the community, with eligible candidates being interviewed by the City Council on March 23, 2026, and no appointment to fill the vacancy was made; and

WHEREAS, the Council now desires to call a special election in accordance with Section 250 of the City Charter to place the unexpired District 2 City Council term before the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council for the City of San Leandro does **RESOLVE** as follows:

1. That pursuant to the requirements of the Charter of the City of San Leandro, a Special Municipal Election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of San Leandro on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing one City Councilmember from Council District 2 for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2028.
2. That notice of the time and place of holding said election is hereby given and the City Clerk of the City of San Leandro is hereby directed to give further or additional notice of said election, in time, form, and manner as required by law.
3. That in accordance with the provisions of Elections Code § 10002 and § 10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda is hereby requested to consolidate the City of San Leandro's Special Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday,

November 3, 2026, for the purpose as specified in Section 1 above; and to direct the Registrar of Voters to take any and all steps necessary for holding the consolidated election.

4. That the Registrar of Voters of the County of Alameda is hereby requested to perform services necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct said election; to conduct said election using ranked-choice voting in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of San Leandro and the County of Alameda and Title 1, Chapter 11 of the San Leandro Municipal Code; to deliver to the City the certification of the official results of said election, and to bill the City for the cost of conducting said election.
5. That the offices of City Councilmember are elected by the registered voters of the City of San Leandro at-large and require a 50%+1 majority in the ranked-choice voting system to be elected.
6. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to obtain services and enter into agreements necessary to conduct said election.
7. That the polls for said election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, except as provided in Elections Code § 14212 and § 14401.
8. That each candidate for elective office to be voted for at said Special Municipal Election may file a candidate statement pursuant to the regulations in the Elections Code, and the policies set forth below:
 - a. Candidate statements are limited to 200 words. The word counting guidelines in Section 9 of the Elections Code shall govern the counting of words.
 - b. Candidate statements shall not include the candidate's party affiliation, shall not include the candidate's membership or activity in partisan political organizations, and shall not mention another candidate for the same office.
 - c. Candidate statements must be filed no later than the last day to file nomination papers.
 - d. Candidate statements shall be filed in typewritten form and attached to the form provided by the City Clerk, received in the office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed.
 - e. Candidate statements shall be submitted as a single paragraph, without any formatting such as underline, bold, italics or all caps.
 - f. Candidate statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period.

- g. Candidate statements are confidential until the close of the nomination period, after which the statements are subject to public review and contest.
- h. A deposit of \$1,325.00 shall be submitted with the candidate statement for the pro-rata share of the costs of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the statement, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (as amended). Within thirty (30) days of the accounting of the final actual costs, the City Clerk shall refund any overpayment or bill for any additional costs.
- i. Candidate statements will be translated into Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog, pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Voting Rights Act.
- j. For any discrepancy between the information listed on the hard copy and the digital copy of the candidate statement, the signed hard copy will take precedence.
9. That no additional materials shall be authorized for submission to the City Clerk or shall be submitted by candidates to be mailed in addition to the Sample Ballot and Voter Pamphlet.
10. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar of Voters of the County of Alameda.
11. That the City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this resolution at the time nomination papers are issued.
12. That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

Introduced by Councilmember _____ and passed and adopted this 23rd day of March 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: _____ ()

NOES: _____ ()

ABSENT: _____ ()

ATTEST: _____
Sarah Bunting
City Clerk