



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** DECEMBER 3, 2024  
**DEPARTMENT:** ADMINISTRATION  
**FROM:** PATRICIA M. BARAJAS, CITY CLERK  
**BY:** ALEXIS MEJIA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK  
**TITLE:** NOVEMBER 5, 2024, MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANVASS

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution declaring the results of the November 5, 2024 Municipal Election for the office of Salinas Mayor and City Councilmembers for District 1, District 3, District 4 and District 6.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The election was conducted by the County of Monterey Registrar of Voters and the election canvass has been completed. Following the completion of the canvass, Elections Code Section 10263(b) requires the City Council to declare the results no later than December 3, 2024, which is the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting following the City Clerk's receipt of the Registrar's *Statement of Votes Cast*.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On May 10, 2022, pursuant to California Elections Code section 10002 and Salinas City Charter Article 3, the City Council approved consolidation of the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election and consolidation of a Special Election for District 3 Councilmember pursuant to Salinas City Charter Article 3 to fill the office of Mayor for a two-year term.

Following the resignation of the District Councilmember, at its meeting of April 23, 2024, the City Council provided direction to the Interim City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney to proceed with the appointment process to fill the District 3 vacancy until a successor is elected in the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election. On May 21, 2024, the City Council held interviews with the applicants, and selected Jesus Valenzuela to serve until a successor is elected by the voters of District 3

The Registrar of Voters has certified the attached results of the November 5, 2024, General Municipal election. The following candidates received the highest number of votes and are thereby

elected to office. Elected candidates are scheduled to be sworn into office by the Salinas City Clerk following Council approval with the ceremonial oath to be conducted on December 4, 2024.

Salinas Mayor	Dennis Donohue
Councilmember, District 1	Jose Luis Barajas
Councilmember, District 3	Margarete D'Arrigo
Councilmember, District 4	Gloria De La Rosa
Councilmember, District 6	Aurelio Salazar, Jr.

**CEQA CONSIDERATION:**

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

**CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:**

No.

**STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:**

The November 5, 2024 Municipal Election Canvass supports the Council Goal of “Effective and Responsive Government”.

**DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:**

The City Clerk is solely responsible for the conduct of the election pursuant to California Elections Code section 320 with City Attorney consultation as needed. With the exception periodic updates of the election proceedings, there is no departmental coordination.

**FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

Fund	Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Total Appropriation	Amount for recommendation	FY 24-25 Operating Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Resolution)
1000	80.8002-63.6010	Outside Service Other	\$350,000	n/a	119	6/11/24, 22979

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution  
Statement of Votes Cast