



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: MAY 15, 2018

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION

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TITLE: CALLING NOVEMBER 6, 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve a Resolution ordering an election, requesting the County Elections Department to conduct the election and requesting consolidation of the November 6, 2018 election.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Resolution ordering an Election pursuant to California Elections code 10002 and Salinas City Charter section 3.3, requesting the County Elections Department to conduct the Election, and requesting consolidation of the November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election for the City of Salinas with the General Gubernatorial Election.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Salinas City Charter provides for elections to be held in accordance with California Elections Code insofar as they are not in conflict with the Charter. California Elections Code Division 10 outlines the general provisions and procedures for the conduct of local and consolidated elections. Councilmembers' District 2, 3, 5 and the office of the Mayor are set to expire on November 6, 2018. The City Clerk, as the Elections Official for the City of Salinas hereby requests City Council authorization to consolidate the election for the aforementioned offices to be held on November 6, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Salinas City Charter Article 2 Section 2.5 and 2.6, the following Council seats shall expire in 2018: Mayor (Joe Gunter); Councilmembers District 2 (Tony Barrera); District 3 (Steve McShane); and District 5 (Kimbley Craig). The Mayor is elected at-large for a two-year term. Councilmembers are elected by district for a four-year term.

In keeping with the California Elections Code, the regular nomination filing period opens on Monday, July 16, 2018 and closes on Friday, August 10, 2018. The regular filing period will be extended to Wednesday, August 15, 2018 for any office for which the incumbent does not file or

fails to qualify in accordance with Elections code 10225 and Charter Section 2.5. The municipal election shall be consolidated with the General Gubernatorial Election on November 6, 2018. The resolution authorizes the City Clerk to procure the services of the Monterey County Elections Department for conducting the election. Notice of the election for officers must be published by no later than July 16, 2018. August 10, 2018 is the last day to request consolidation of the election or add initiatives to the November 6, 2018 ballot.

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).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Consolidating the election on November 6, 2018 with the General Gubernatorial Election and authorizing the Monterey County Elections Department to conduct the election on the City's behalf supports the City Council's goal of promoting an Effective, Sustainable Government.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Monterey County Elections Department estimates that Salinas' share for the cost of the election to be between \$6.00 to \$8.00 per registered voter, for a total estimated cost to the City between \$340,122 and \$453,496. Consolidating the City's General Municipal Election with the General Gubernatorial Elections provides cost sharing with other jurisdictions within the County.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Service Agreement