

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Salinas, California

DATE: May 17, 2016

FROM: Jim Pia, Assistant City Manager

BY: Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk

SUBJECT: CALLING NOVEMBER 8, 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution calling for a consolidated election on November 8, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to the City Charter Section 7, the following Council seats are up for election: Mayor (Joe Gunter); Council District 1 (Jose Castañeda); Council District 4 (Gloria De La Rosa); and Council District 6 (Deborah Jyl Lutes). The Mayor is elected at-large for a two-year term. Council members 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 18, 2016 and closes on Friday, August 12, 2016. The regular filing period will be extended to Wednesday, August 17, 2016 for any office for which the incumbent does not file or fails to qualify. The municipal election would be consolidated with the Presidential General Election on November 8, 2016. The resolution authorizes the City Clerk to procure the services of the Monterey County Elections Department for conducting the election.

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council adopt the attached resolution calling for the consolidated election on November 8, 2016 and authorizing the Monterey County Elections Department to conduct the election on the City's behalf?

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Monterey County Elections Department estimates Salinas' share for the cost of the election to be between \$6.00 to \$8.00 per registered voter, for a total estimated cost for the City of Salinas to be between \$320,658 and \$427,544. Consolidating the City's General Municipal Election with the Presidential General Election provides for the sharing of costs with other jurisdictions within the County.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

Consolidating the election on November 8, 2016 with the Presidential General 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.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

Notice of the election for officers must be published by no later than July 18, 2016. August 12, 2016 is the last day to consolidate the election or add ballot initiatives to the November 8, 2016 ballot.

ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

The City Charter requires that the general municipal election be held on even numbered years for the aforementioned staggered seats on November 8, 2016.

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