



REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Candice Alvarez, MMC, City Clerk

Date: May 12, 2020

Subject: Calling a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020

Recommendation

Adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES;

Adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020; and

Adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE.

Background

The City of Lake Elsinore incorporated in 1888 as a General Law city and, therefore, must adhere to all laws pertaining to the conduct and holding of elections as can be found in the California Elections Code. The laws allow for cities to set regulations pertaining to candidate and election materials either by Resolution or through their Municipal code.

On February 1, 2018, the City adopted the By-District election process, subdividing the City into five districts. Each district is represented by one seat on the City Council. Districts two, four, and five and the Treasurer will be on the ballot.

Discussion

The election will be conducted on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the purpose of electing three members of the City Council, District 2, District 4, and District 5, and a Treasurer, to four-year terms. The City Council must adopt Resolutions calling the election, setting candidate

statement regulations, and requesting the County of Riverside to consolidate the election with the Statewide General Election and render services required to conduct the election.

There are several significant dates associated with the election which are listed in Exhibit D. The significant dates pertaining to qualifying as a candidate are as follows:

Nomination Period – July 13 through August 7, 2020

The period where those interested in running for election to one of the available seats must pull and submit nomination papers in order to qualify having their name on the ballot.

Nomination Period Extended – through August 12, 2020

The nomination period is extended for a period of five days if an incumbent does not file to run in the election

Write-In Candidacy Nomination Period – September 7 through October 20, 2020

The nomination period where persons not on the ballot, wishing to submit their name as a write-in candidate must submit their nomination forms.

Sample Ballots/Election Materials Mailed – September 24 through October 13, 2020

Fiscal Impact

The County has estimated that this Election will cost approximately \$102,000-\$112,000; however, the County is still considering how the Election will be held, so that estimate may change. Regardless, funding will be included in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

Exhibits

A – Resolution calling the election

B – Resolution setting candidate regulations

C – Resolution requesting consolidation and rendering of services by Riverside County

D – 2020 General Municipal Election Calendar