



AGENDA REPORT

Department: City Clerk's Office
Prepared by: Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk
Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Approved by: Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Notice of and Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election, and Request for Consolidation with the Statewide General Municipal Election

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Providing Notice of and Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election for the Purpose of the Election of Certain Elected Officials and for the Submission to the Voters a Question Relating to a Citizen Initiative Regarding a Special Parcel Tax for Streets and Parks, and Requesting the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to Consolidate the Municipal Election with the Statewide General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

Section 10403 of the California Elections Code authorizes the City to place an election ballot on the same ballot as that provided for a Statewide Election, and to consolidate a General Municipal Election with a Statewide General Municipal Election, upon the filing with the County Board of Supervisors of a resolution of the City Council requesting the consolidation. The proposed resolution would satisfy the requirements of section 10403.

The City of National City would place on the ballot two (2) district City Council seats and one (1) citizen initiative qualified ballot measure, entitled "National City Special Parcel Tax for Streets and Parks," to appear on the ballot as follows:

SHALL THE MEASURE ADDING A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX IN THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY TO BE USED FOR STREET AND PARK PURPOSES, WITH RATES BASED ON THE CHARACTER OF THE PROPERTY AND EXEMPTING CERTAIN TYPES OF PROPERTIES, TO BE COLLECTED BEGINNING IN 2024 2025, AND CONTINUING UNTIL REPEALED BY THE VOTERS, WITH AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, GENERATING AN ESTIMATED \$1.7 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, BE ADOPTED?	YES
	NO

Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9282(a) “For measures placed on the ballot by petition, the persons filing an initiative petition pursuant to this article may file a written argument in favor of the ordinance, and the legislative body may submit an argument against the ordinance.” Primary arguments for and against the ballot measure shall not exceed 300 words. In addition, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9285 rebuttal arguments, not exceeding 250 words, may be submitted to the City Clerk, where authorized by the legislative body. The resolution would also authorize the submittal of arguments in opposition to the measure and any related rebuttals.

The Registrar of Voters has estimated the cost to consolidate the election for the purpose of the Election of Certain Officials in the November 2024 Election to be \$15,000 - \$25,000 for two (2) district City Councilmember seats, and \$55,000 - \$75,000 per city measure. Staff recommends that the City Council approve an appropriation of up to \$200,000 from the General Fund as part of the fiscal year 2024-25 budget to cover the Registrar of Voters costs, required legal publications, and translations, and supplies for the election process.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Staff will provide the final cost of the election once the County Registrar has submitted their invoice, which generally occurs within 4-5 months following the election. Staff will return to the City Council if costs exceed the appropriation of up to \$200,000.

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted within 72 hours of the meeting date and time in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBIT:

Exhibit A - Resolution