



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



October 15, 2019

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## TITLE

- A. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA CALLING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020, FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, REPRESENTING DISTRICTS 3 AND 4; CONSOLIDATING THE ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE ELECTION; AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO PERFORM CERTAIN SERVICES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION
  
- B. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolutions.

## SUMMARY

The purpose of the March 3, 2020 General Municipal Election is to determine which candidates will be the run-off candidates in the November 2020 election for the two City Council Members who will represent Districts 3 and 4, each for a full term of four years commencing December 2020. Adoption of the proposed resolutions is required to give notice of the election and to adopt regulations for candidates.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

## BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

## DISCUSSION

The Chula Vista Charter requires that General Municipal Elections be scheduled in conjunction with statewide primary elections. The next statewide primary election will be held on March 3, 2020. Pursuant Charter section 300, the two candidates for each seat who receive the highest and second highest number of

votes cast in the March election will be the candidates in a run-off election to be held on November 3, 2020. The Charter requires a run-off, even if one candidate receives more than 50% of the vote in March. If only two qualified candidates file nomination papers to participate in the general municipal election for a particular seat, no March election will be held for that seat, and the two candidates will be the candidates at the run-off election in November.

The period for filing nomination documents for the March 2020 election is November 12 through December 6, 2019, during normal office hours, as posted, of the Office of the City Clerk.

California Elections Code Section 10403 requires the City Council to adopt a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to consolidate Chula Vista's election with the statewide general election and to permit the Registrar of Voters to perform certain services in conjunction with the City's election.

Additionally, California Elections Code Section 13307 provides that the local agency must adopt regulations pertaining to the materials prepared by candidates and the costs thereof. Historically, the City has allowed each candidate to submit a candidate's statement of no more than 200 words. Candidates who choose to file a candidate's statement will be required to pay a deposit at the time their statements and nomination papers are filed with the City Clerk. Should the actual cost be less than the amount of the deposit, the balance will be refunded to the candidates; and should the actual cost be more, candidates will be billed for the difference.

### **DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT**

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

### **CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT**

It is anticipated that the budgeted amount of approximately \$87,000 will be sufficient to cover the costs of conducting this election.

### **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no ongoing costs associated with conducting the election.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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