

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: June 3, 2024
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Calling for a General Municipal Election, Requesting Consolidation with the Statewide General Election, and Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Offices for the November 5, 2024 Election

REPORT BY: Anne Hsu, City Clerk

SUMMARY

The action before the Council is to adopt resolutions calling for a general municipal election, requesting consolidation with the Statewide General Election, and adopting regulations for candidates for elective offices for the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election in accordance with the California Elections Code, Administrative Policy of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and the City. Separate resolutions will be presented to the Council calling for the November 5, 2024 election, requesting consolidation of the election, and including ballot measures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt:

1. Resolution No. 2024-34, calling and giving notice for the holding of a general municipal election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the election of Members of the City Council and Members of the Board of Education using ranked choice voting (RCV) at large; and
2. Resolution No. 2024-35, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda to consolidate a general municipal election to be held with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024; and
3. Resolution No. 2024-36, adopting regulations for candidates for elective offices administered by the local elections official pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Each even-numbered year, the City holds its General Municipal Election to be consolidated with the Statewide General Election that is held in November. The City is required to request the Alameda County Board of Supervisors consolidate the City's regular election with the general statewide election. This year, the City is scheduled to hold a general municipal election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The City has the following seats up for election: three (3) City Council and two (2) Board of Education.

In 2020, voters approved Measure BB to use ranked choice voting (RCV) at large as the method for elections. The use of RCV does not affect any of the actions stated in the resolution calling the election.

Each election year, the City Council also adopts a resolution which sets the rules and regulations to be followed throughout the course of the election and to serve as guidance to staff in the impartial handling of all candidate statements/filings.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The City does not charge a filing fee for candidates filing for their nomination papers. Additionally, per Resolution No. 2022-72, the fee for submitting a candidate statement for translation and printing cost has been waived. The Albany Unified School District Board of Education at their April 26, 2022, meeting also waived the candidate statement fees for Board of Education candidates with said candidate statement fees to be paid by the Albany Unified School District. The School District shall reimburse the City of Albany for the Board of Education candidate statement fees.

The election cost for a Countywide Consolidated General Election is approximately \$4 - \$6 per voter. In addition, for RCV election, Albany is to pay the proportionate share of service charges and RCV supplies (approximately additional \$64,000 in 2022).

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2024-34, calling for General Municipal Election
2. Resolution No. 2024-35, requesting for consolidation with Statewide General Election
3. Resolution No. 2024-36, adopting regulations for the candidates pertaining to candidate statements/filings