

NOT YET APPROVED

Resolution No.

Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Calling a General Municipal Election of Four Council Member Seats to be Held on November 5, 2024, Requesting the Services of the Registrar of Voters, and Ordering the Consolidation of the Election

RECITALS

A. Article III, Section 3, of the Palo Alto City Charter requires that a general municipal election for election of council members be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year, that is, November 5, 2024; and

B. Pursuant to Section 1001 of the Elections Code of the State of California, a statewide election is scheduled to be held on November 5, 2024; elections in other cities, certain school districts and special districts in Santa Clara County are also scheduled to be held on that date; and

C. Under Part 3 of Division 10 of the Elections Code, beginning at Section 10400, and Education Code Section 5342, elections called by various governing bodies may be partially or completely consolidated and held on the same day as a statewide election, upon order of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Palo Alto RESOLVES as follows:

SECTION 1. Call of Election. A general municipal election is called for the City of Palo Alto to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing four (4) council members for full terms (four years) who will be elected at-large.

SECTION 2. Request to Consolidate. Pursuant Elections Code Section 10403, the Council of the City of Palo Alto requests the governing body of the state and any other political subdivision, or any officers otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such elections and the City Council consents to such consolidation. The Council acknowledges that the election will be held and conducted according to procedures in the Elections Code, including Section 10418.

SECTION 3. Request for County Services. Under Section 10002 of the California Elections Code, the Council of the City of Palo Alto requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County to permit the Registrar of Voters to render services to the City of Palo Alto relating to the conduct of Palo Alto's General Municipal and Special Elections which are called to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and shall reimburse the county for the costs incurred by the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters in conducting the general municipal election for the City of Palo Alto. The City requests the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors permit the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters to prepare the City's election materials. The election services to be

performed shall include the preparation, printing and mailing of official ballots and county voter information guides; the establishment of precincts, election ballots, return mail envelopes, ballot drop boxes, vote centers, election officers, and producing such publications as are required by law in connection therewith; the furnishing of ballots, envelopes, and other necessary supplies and materials for voting places; the canvassing of the returns of the election; the furnishing of the results of such canvassing to the City Clerk; and, the performance of other election services as may be requested by the City Clerk.

SECTION 4. Consolidation of Measures. The Council of the City of Palo Alto requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County to include on the ballots and sample ballots, all qualified measures submitted by the City Council, if any, to be ratified by the qualified electors of the City of Palo Alto.

SECTION 5. Canvass of Election. That the City Council of the City of Palo Alto requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara to hold and conduct the municipal election in the manner prescribed in Section 10418 of the Elections Code of the State of California, and to further provide that the Registrar of Voters canvass the returns of the municipal election. The County of Santa Clara is hereby authorized to certify the returns of the municipal election.

SECTION 6. Candidate Statement of Qualifications. That pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California, each candidate for elective office to be voted upon in the City of Palo Alto, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's qualifications for office. The cost of printing, translating and distributing said statements shall be borne by the city.

SECTION 7. Tie Votes. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 15651, in the event two or more persons receive an equal and the highest number of votes for any office, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the tie votes, whether upon the canvas of returns or upon recount, to appear before it and shall determine the tie by lot.

SECTION 8. Duties of City Clerk. The Palo Alto City Clerk shall serve as the City's elections official and shall do all things required by law to effectuate the November 5, 2024, general municipal election, including but not limited to causing the posting, publication and printing of all notices or other election materials under the requirements of the Charter of the City of Palo Alto and the California Elections and Government Codes.

SECTION 9. Contract Authority. Subject to approval of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County, the City Clerk may engage the services of the Registrar of Voters of the County of Santa Clara to aid in the conduct of the November 5, 2024, election including canvassing the returns of that election. The Palo Alto Director of Administrative Services shall pay the cost of contracted services provided that no payment shall be made for services which the Registrar of Voters is otherwise required by law to perform.

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SECTION 10. Transmittal of Resolution. The City Clerk shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara.

SECTION 11. CEQA. The Council finds that this resolution does not constitute a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resources Code section 21065 or CEQA Guidelines section 15378.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Assistant City Attorney

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City Manager

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Director of Administrative Services