



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JANUARY 24, 2017**
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: CALL JUNE 6, 2017, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

ISSUES:

Adopt a resolution pursuant to Charter Section 500 calling a general municipal election for June 6, 2017, to elect Members of the City Council for Wards 2, 4, and 6; allow acceptance of electronic Candidate Statements of Qualification; and provide that candidates pay the cost of Statement publication.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached resolution calling the General Municipal Election to be held June 6, 2017, to elect Members of the City Council for Wards 2, 4, and 6, and consenting to the Registrar of Voters rendering election services to the City as requested by the City Clerk with the County of Riverside to be reimbursed in full for the services;
2. Direct the City Clerk to permit electronic distribution of Candidate Statements of Qualifications pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307 for the June 6, 2017, election and all future elections; and
3. Continue the practice of requiring the candidates to pay the costs for publication of Candidate Statements of Qualifications.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with the election calendar developed to meet the requirements of the Elections Code, now is the appropriate time for the City Council to call the General Municipal Election for June 6, 2017, to elect Members of the City Council for Wards 2, 4, and 6, and to consent to the Registrar of Voters rendering election services to the City as requested by the City Clerk with the County of Riverside to be reimbursed in full for such services. As directed by the City Council, the election will be conducted wholly by mail.

At the time nomination documents are filed with the City Clerk, candidates may elect to print a Statement of Qualification in the ballot materials mailed to voters. Effective January 1, 2017, Assembly Bill 2010 amended Elections Code Section 13307 to permit the elections official to allow a candidate for nonpartisan elective office to prepare a written candidate statement for

electronic distribution. The statement would be posted on the Internet site of the elections official and may be included in a voter's pamphlet that is electronically distributed. This option supported by both the City Clerk and the Registrar of Voters offers a less-expensive alternative for candidates and another source of information for voters.

The City Council must also determine whether the City or the candidate will pay the costs for printing and distribution of Statements. Charges are based upon actual costs of typesetting, translation, and distribution to registered voters. Traditionally, the City has required that the candidate pay the cost of publishing statements.

The estimated costs for electronic distribution of a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications is \$260. An estimate of costs for publishing Candidate's Statement of Qualifications in ballot materials are shown below:

- A. \$650 for Ward 2
- B. \$700 for Ward 4
- C. \$600 for Ward 6

As a matter of information, the number of registered voters in the Wards affected by this election as of January 5, 2017, are shown below.

- A. Ward 2 - 19,827
- B. Ward 4 - 23,793
- C. Ward 6 - 17,584

Pursuant to the authority granted to the City of Riverside as a Charter City, Ordinance No. 6135 was adopted on May 10, 1994, exercising the City's ability to conduct elections by mail-in ballot. Ordinance No. 6135 specifically identified "special municipal elections" as eligible for mail-in ballot as all general elections were consolidated with County-wide elections at that time. On November 7, 2006, Riverside's electors approved an amendment to Charter Section 400 to provide that general municipal elections held for the purpose of electing members of the City Council shall be held in June of odd-numbered years. There are no other regularly scheduled County-wide elections held on that day and a stand-alone election results.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated election costs of not-to-exceed \$163,500 are included in the Fiscal Year 2017/18 budget. If the City Council determines that the City will pay the cost of the Candidate Statements of Qualifications, estimated additional costs to the City are \$7,800 based upon twelve candidates publishing a Statement. The Registrar of Voters will provide deposit amounts to be collected from candidates for printed statements and has established a fee of \$260 for electronic statements, including Spanish translation.

Prepared by: Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk

Certified as to

Availability of funds: Scott G. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment: Resolution - Calling Election