

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ORDERING AN ELECTION; REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ CONDUCT THE ELECTION; AND REQUESTING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE GENERAL STATEWIDE AND MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, Section 1300 of the Charter of the City of Watsonville requires that a General Municipal Election be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each even numbered year for the election of officers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Elections Code Section 10002, the City Council of the City of Watsonville may by resolution request the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz to permit the County Clerk to render specified services to the City of Watsonville relating to the conduct of an election; and

WHEREAS, subject to approval of the Board of Supervisors, these services shall be provided by the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Watsonville shall by resolution specify the services requested; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002, unless other arrangements satisfactory to the County have been made, the City shall reimburse the County in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Code Section 10400, whenever two or more elections, including bond elections, of the City, are called to be held on the same day, in the same territory, or in territory that is in part the same, they may be consolidated upon the order of the City Council calling the elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code 10400, such election for cities may be either completely or partially consolidated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, whenever an election called by the City for the submission of any question, proposition, or office to be filled is to be consolidated with a statewide election, and the question, proposition, or office to be filled is to appear upon the same ballot as that provided for that statewide election, the City shall at least eighty-eight (88) days prior to the date of the election, file with the Board of Supervisors, and a copy with the elections official, a resolution of the City Council requesting the consolidation, and setting forth the exact form of any question, proposition, or office to be voted upon at the election, as it is to appear on the ballot, acknowledging that the consolidation election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Section 10418. Upon such request, the Board of Supervisors may order the consolidation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10418, if consolidated, the consolidated election shall be held and conducted, election boards appointed, voting precincts designated, candidates nominated, ballots printed, polls opened and closed, voter challenges determined, ballots counted and returned, returns canvassed, results declared, certificates of election issued, recounts conducted, election contests presented, and all other proceedings incidental to and connected with the election shall be regulated and done in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide or special election, or the election held pursuant to Section 1302 or 1303, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requesting the consolidation shall be adopted and filed at the same time as the adoption of the ordinance, resolution, or order calling the election; and

WHEREAS, various district, county, state and other political subdivision elections may be or have been called to be held on November 5, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council hereby orders an election be called and consolidated with any and all elections also called to be held on November 5, 2024, insofar as said elections are to be held in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same as the territory of the City of Watsonville and requests that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz order such consolidation under Elections Code Sections 10401, 10403, and 10418.

2. That the City Council hereby requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz to permit the Santa Cruz County Elections Department to provide any and all services necessary for conducting the election and authorizes the City Manager to pay the County of Santa Cruz for said services.

3. That the Santa Cruz County Elections Department conduct the election on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing the following:

(a) one Council Member from District 1 for a full term of four years to expire in 2028;

(b) one Council Member from District 2 for a full term of four years to expire in 2028;

(c) one Council Member from District 6 for a full term of four years to expire in 2028.

4. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County Clerk of Santa Cruz County.

5. The City Council of the City of Watsonville acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by Elections Code section 10418

5. Pursuant to Watsonville City Charter Section 402 – Term of Office, resolution of ties shall be determined by lot.

6. In all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by the Charter of the City of Watsonville and State law.
