

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
from the City Clerk

June 1, 2009

SUBJECT

Consolidated General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2009. Candidate Statements and Related Matters.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt resolutions calling the November 3, 2009 General Municipal Election;

1. Resolution calling General Municipal Election and requesting Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo to consolidate General Municipal election of the City of Redwood City with the Consolidated Municipal, School and Special District Election and all other local elections to be held on November 3, 2009.
2. Resolution authorizing execution of the contract with the County of San Mateo for certain election services relating to the Consolidated General Municipal election.
3. Motion to require a deposit of \$500.00 for a candidate's statement to be translated and printed in English, Chinese and Spanish as required under Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C 1973aa-1a section 203. All amounts are to cover actual estimated costs.

BACKGROUND

Redwood City Ordinance No. 2078 requires that General Municipal Elections be held in November of odd-numbered years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday. The City Council is requested to consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Consolidated Municipal, School and Special District Election to be held on the same day for the purpose of electing three (3) City Council Members for the full term of four (4) years each.

The California Elections Code provides for consolidation of local elections, ordered by one of the jurisdictions calling an election on the same date in the same or overlapping territory. Redwood City has consolidated previous elections with accurate, efficient and cost-effective results and it is recommended that the City Council order consolidation for November 3, 2009 General Municipal Election.

The San Mateo County Elections Office provides certain election services for the City of Redwood City and other agencies and districts by the execution of a contract.

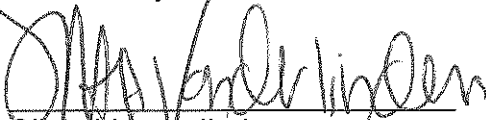
A related matter is the cost estimate of printing and handling of candidate's statements. Candidates choosing to have a candidate statement will share costs with other candidates and the estimated cost is \$500.00.

ALTERNATIVES

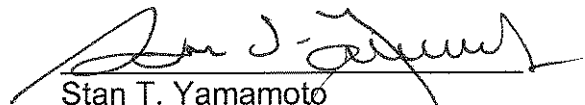
The City Council could choose not to adopt the resolutions regarding the General Municipal Election.

FISCAL IMPACT

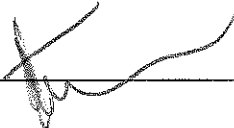
There will be a cost to the election, and this cost depends on various factors. The approximate cost per registered voter could be between \$2 and \$2.50. As of May 27, 2009, the number of registered voters in Redwood City is 35,921. While the election cost is only known after the fact funds have been budgeted in the FY 09-10 to this end.



Silvia Vonderlinden
City Clerk



Stan T. Yamamoto
City Attorney



Peter Ingram
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft resolution calling for the General Municipal Election
2. Draft resolution requesting County Election services
3. Agreement with the County of San Mateo (on file at the City Clerk's Office)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CALLING ELECTION AND REQUESTING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, TO CONSOLIDATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Redwood City and Ordinance No. 2078, adopted April 11, 1994, General Municipal Elections of the City of Redwood City shall be held in said City the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year, commencing with said election in November 1995; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Elections Code Section 10400, elections called to be held on the same day and wholly or partly within the same territory, may be consolidated upon the order of the governing body or bodies calling the elections; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to consolidate the aforesaid General Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10402 and 10403 of the Elections Code, the governing body of the jurisdiction that receives a request for consolidation may order said consolidation and, therefore, this Council desires that said Board of Supervisors order consolidation of said District's election with the General Municipal Election of the City of Redwood City.

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

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Redwood City and Ordinance No. 2078, adopted April 11, 1994, a General Municipal Election shall be held on November 3, 2009, for the purpose of electing four (4) Council Members for the full term of four (4) years each.
2. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, California, is hereby requested, pursuant to the provisions of Elections Code Section 10402 and 10403, to consolidate the General Municipal Election of the City of Redwood City to be held on November 3, 2009.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish, or cause to be published, in the official newspaper of the City of Redwood City, in the time, form and manner required by law, notice of the aforesaid General Municipal Election.

4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, and to the Elections Official of the County of San Mateo, California.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO FOR CERTAIN SERVICES RELATING TO CONSOLIDATED GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2009

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Redwood City and Ordinance No. 2078, adopted April 11, 1994, the General Municipal Election of the City of Redwood City shall be held in said City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Election of the City of Redwood City shall be held on November 3, 2009, and shall be consolidated with other local elections; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo provides certain services pertaining to the conduct of elections as set forth more fully in the Agreement hereinafter referenced.

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

1. That certain Agreement by and between the City of Redwood City, a charter city and municipal corporation of the State of California, and the County of San Mateo, entitled "Service Agreement for the Provision of Election Services between the City of Redwood City and the San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer" for the performance by the County Clerk of the County of San Mateo of certain services pertaining to the Consolidated General and Municipal Elections to be held on November 3, 2009, a copy of which Agreement shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk, to which reference is hereby made for the full particulars thereof, is hereby approved, subject to negotiation and approval by the City Manager and approval as to form by the City Attorney's office, and the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute, and to attest thereto, respectively, said Agreement for and on behalf of the City of Redwood City.
2. That the Agreement referenced above may be amended to be applicable to all future Consolidated General and Presidential Elections of the City of Redwood City.

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