

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-162

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, TO SUBMIT A BALLOT MEASURE TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER TO AFFIRM THE CITY'S DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, REQUESTING A CONSOLIDATION OF SUCH ELECTION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS BEING HELD ON THE SAME DATE, AND DIRECTING RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Santa Rosa wishes to call a Special Election to present to the registered voters of the City a ballot measure, which, if approved, would amend the City Charter to revise the language of Section 4 of the Charter to reflect the City's district-based election of Council members, which measure is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa resolves, declares, determines and orders as follows:

1. A Special Election is hereby called on November 8, 2022, at which time the proposed ballot measure, identified as City of Santa Rosa Measure No. 2 and set forth in full in Exhibit A, shall be submitted to the registered voters of the City of Santa Rosa.
2. Measure 2 shall be presented to the voters in the form of a measure entitled "City of Santa Rosa City Charter Amendment - District-Based Election of Council Members" and printed on the ballot as follows:

Measure ___ City of Santa Rosa City Charter Amendment - District-Based Election of Council Members

Shall the City of Santa Rosa's measure to amend the Santa Rosa City Charter to affirm the City's recent transition from the election of Council members by city-wide vote to the election of Council members by district, be adopted?	Yes _____	No _____
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The City Attorney is authorized to make adjustments, if required, to the ballot summary set forth above.

3. In accordance with the provisions of section 10403 of the Elections Code, the City Council hereby requests that the Special Election, herein called, be consolidated with the Sonoma County Consolidated General Election to be held on November 8, 2022.
4. In accordance with the provisions of sections 10002 and 10411 of the Elections Code, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is requested to permit and issue instructions to the Registrar of Voters of the County to take any and all steps necessary for the

holding of this Special Election and its consolidation with other elections to be held on the same day in the City of Santa Rosa.

5. In accordance with the provisions of sections 10002 and 10411 of the Elections Code, the Registrar of Voters of Sonoma County is hereby authorized to do all things necessary and required to notice, hold, and conduct the Special Election and to canvass the returns thereof.
6. The City of Santa Rosa acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418.
7. The City of Santa Rosa recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by Sonoma County by reason of the holding of this Special Election and its consolidation, as described above, and agrees to reimburse the County for such costs.
8. The City Council recognizes that, in accordance with Elections Code section 9282, arguments may be filed for and against the measure placed on the ballot under the provisions of this resolution, and it hereby authorizes the Mayor, and/or such other member(s) as the Mayor may authorize, to author and submit an argument in favor of the ballot measure.
9. The City Council, in accordance with Elections Code section 9285(b) hereby adopts the provisions of Elections Code section 9285(a) so as to permit rebuttal arguments, as described in Elections Code section 9285(a), be filed in connection with the measure to be placed on the ballot under the provisions of this resolution, and the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, and/or such other member(s) as the Mayor may authorize, to author and submit a rebuttal to any argument filed against the ballot measure.
10. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is given herein and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to give further notice of the election in the time, form and manner as required by law.
11. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the City Attorney, who shall prepare an impartial analysis of the ballot measure.

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12. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, the County Clerk, and the Registrar of Voters of the County of Sonoma.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 26th day of July, 2022.


AYES: (7) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming, MacDonald, N. Rogers, Sawyer, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: *Stephanie A. Williams*
City Clerk

APPROVED: 
Chris Rogers (Aug 5, 2022 14:49 PDT)
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: *Sue Gallagher*
Sue Gallagher (Aug 3, 2022 18:12 PDT)
City Attorney

Exhibit A - Ballot Measure No. 2 (District Elections)

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF SANTA ROSA MEASURE NO. 2

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT
DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The People of the City of Santa Rosa hereby amend Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Santa Rosa to read as follows:

[Note: Additions to the text are underlined and deletions are shown in strikethrough.]

Section 1. Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Santa Rosa shall be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 4. The Council. The legislative body of the City shall consist of seven persons each elected by separate district, at large to be known collectively as the Council. Boundaries of the seven Council districts shall be established and updated by the Council, by ordinance, in accordance with state and federal law. The members of the Council shall hold office for four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. ~~The terms of the Council member shall alternate so that three members or four members, as the case may be, shall be elected every two years.~~ Council elections for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 shall be held every four years beginning with the General Municipal Election in November 2020. Council elections for Districts 2, 4 and 6 shall be held every four years beginning with the General Municipal Election in November 2018. Vacancies that occur in the Council outside of an election cycle shall be filled in accordance with Section 31 Council Vacancies. In case of a tie vote of the electorate, the person elected shall be decided by lot. There shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive terms a Council member or Vice-Mayor may serve. A Council member may not serve consecutive terms as Mayor.

No person shall be eligible to hold office as a member of the Council, unless ~~he or she is~~ they are a resident and registered voter of the Council district for which they seek to hold office ~~City~~ at the time their the person's nomination papers are issued, and is at the time they assume office, and throughout their term, provided, however, that no boundary change made pursuant to this section shall disqualify a member from serving the remainder of their term. ~~an elector of the City.~~

The Council may act, by ordinance, to provide compensation to each of its members in an amount authorized by State law for the compensation of council members in general law cities of comparable size; provided however, that the Mayor, while holding that office, shall receive compensation in an amount equal to one hundred and fifty percent of the compensation received by another council member.












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