



CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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DATE: June 23, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: John Guertin, City Manager

SUBJECT: Calling and providing for a General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Del Rey Oaks on Tuesday, November 3, 2026

CEQA: Enactment of this resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it is not a project pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5) because it is an organizational or administrative activity of the City that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Background

It is necessary for the City Council to call for an election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing successors to the term of office of Mayor which will expire in 2026 and City Council members which will expire in 2026. It is also incumbent upon the City Council to determine who will pay the costs of the candidates' statements and to fix the maximum number of words to be submitted on said statements.

It is desirable that the City election be consolidated with any other election to be held on the same date to take advantage of any possible reduction in election costs. It is also desirable that the Registrar of Voters of the County of Monterey administer the elections and all duties necessary.

Fiscal Impacts

Reduced fiscal impact when combined with other elections. The estimated cost of the election is approximately \$10,000 and is included in the FY 2026-27 Budget.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that Council pass the attached City of Del Rey Oaks Resolution.

Attachments:

Resolution No. 2026-17

Respectfully Submitted,

John Guertin
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION, REQUESTING THE COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002, the governing body of any city or district may by resolution request the Board of Supervisors of the county to permit the county elections official to render specified services to the city or district relating to the conduct of an election. The city or district shall reimburse the county in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the City or district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10400, whenever two or more elections, including bond elections, of any legislative or congressional district, public district, city, county or other political subdivision 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 governing body or bodies or officer or officers calling the elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, whenever an election called by a district, city or other political subdivision 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 district, city or other political subdivision shall, at least 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 its governing board 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. Upon such request, the Board of Supervisors may order consolidation. 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, pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307, whenever an election called by a district, city, or other political subdivision has offices to be filled, it is required to fix and determine the number of words that a candidate may submit on the candidate's statement to be either 200 words and to determine if the candidate shall be responsible for the cost of the statement; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 15651 requires the city to determine the means and manner in which a tie vote is to be resolved in the event that two or more persons receive an equal number of votes and the highest number of votes ("tie votes") for an office to be voted upon; and

WHEREAS, various district, county, state and other political subdivision elections may be or have been called to be held on November 3, 2026; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the governing body of the City of Del Rey Oak hereby orders an election be called and consolidated with any and all elections also called to be held on **November 3, 2026** 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 Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey to order such consolidation under Elections Code Section 10401 and 10403.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002 said governing body hereby requests the Board of Supervisors to permit the Monterey County Elections Department to provide any and all services necessary for conducting the election and agrees to pay for said services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Monterey County Elections Department conduct the election for the purpose of electing three (3) Members to its Governing Body on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

RECITALS

SECTION I. The General Municipal Election for the year 2024 is hereby called and shall be held in Del Rey Oaks, under and by virtue of the provisions of Article 3 of California Elections Code, on the 3rd day of November 2026, said date being the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2026.

SECTION II. The following officers of Del Rey Oaks shall be elected at said General Municipal Election, to wit:

- Mayor, one (1), for a term of two years.
- Councilmember, two (2), for a term of four years.

SECTION III. Nomination papers shall be filed with the Del Rey Oaks City Clerk's Office not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026.

SECTION IV. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the City Council has determined that candidates for office may file a written statement of qualifications with their nomination papers, said statement not to exceed 200 words in length, with those candidates filing said statements to pay the cost of such statement as determined by the Registrar of Voters.

SECTION V. The official ballot to be used at said election shall conform to the provisions of said City and the laws of the State of California with relation thereto.

SECTION VI. The City authorizes the Registrar of Voters to consolidate this election with any other election on November 3, 2026 for the convenience of the registered voters and to effectuate any cost savings by such consolidation.

SECTION VII. The County of Monterey Elections Department is hereby directed to publish such notices as are provided by law for the holding of the municipal election, which said notices shall be published in an adjudicated newspaper and circulated in the City of Del Rey Oaks and hereby designated for that purpose.

SECTION VIII. Said General Municipal Election shall be held and conducted, and the votes thereof canvassed, and the return thereof made, and the results thereof ascertained and determined as herein provided, and in all particulars not described by this Resolution, said General Municipal Election shall be held as provided by law for the holding of municipal elections in said City; and the Registrar of Voters of the County of Monterey is authorized to canvass the return and certify the results to said Council of Del Rey Oaks.

SECTION VIII. Pursuant to Section 6. That in the event of a tie vote (if any two or more persons receive an equal and the highest number of votes for an office) as certified by the County of Monterey Registrar of Voters, the City Council, in accordance with Election Code Section 15651(a), shall set a date and time and place and summon the candidates who have received the tie votes to appear and will determine the tie by lot.

SECTION VIII. The City Clerk shall enter the results into the record following receipt of the declared results in accordance with Elections Code Section 10264. The City Clerk shall sign and deliver to each person elected a certificate of election and administer the oath of office to each person elected. This Resolution shall be forthwith entered upon the minutes of this Council and kept and maintained by the City Clerk of Del Rey Oaks.

SECTION X. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the due adoption of this Resolution and to transmit a certified copy to the Elections Department and the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County.

PASSED AND APPROVED by City of Del Rey Oaks, this 23rd day of June 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Signed:

Scott Donaldson, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Minami, City Clerk