



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	12/9/2024
SECTION:	Swearing In of City Councilmembers
SUBJECT:	Newly Elected Councilmembers Barbara Leary (District 4) and Justin Raithel (District 2) Take the Oath of Office
FROM:	City Clerk's Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmembers Barbara Leary (District 4) and Justin Raithel (District 2).

POLICY / RULE

The California Constitution and Government Code together require city officials to take an oath of office before assuming their positions and exercising their duties.

In California, the requirement for city officials to take an oath of office is outlined in the California Constitution and further specified in California Government Code, which mandates that all elected state and local officials, including city councilmembers, must take an oath of office. The oath of office states:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter."

California Government Code Section 1360 provides a more specific requirement that applies to local elected officials. It outlines that elected officers must take an oath or affirmation to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of California before assuming their official duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Freemantle, CMC
City Clerk