



# Folsom City Council Staff Report

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	05/28/2024
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b>	Consent Calendar
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution No. 11201 - A Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento Consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, and Establishing Policies for Candidate's Statements
<b>FROM:</b>	City Clerk's Department

## **RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

Staff recommends that the Folsom City Council adopt Resolution No. 11201 - A Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento Consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, and Establishing Policies for Candidate's Statements.

## **BACKGROUND:**

### **Consolidation**

The date of the 2024 Folsom General Municipal Election is the same date as the Statewide General Election. Whenever two elections are to be held on the same day, they may be consolidated, and Elections Code Section 10403 sets forth the requirement that jurisdictions file a resolution requesting consolidation with the local county board of supervisors.

### **Districts Up For Election**

As set forth within the City's Charter, the Folsom City Council operates under a system of four-year staggered terms, wherein councilmembers are elected to serve overlapping terms of

office. This system allows for continuity in governance while ensuring regular opportunities for the electorate to express their preferences through the democratic process.

In 2022, the City transitioned from at-large Council elections to a by-district election system, with the creation of five City Council districts. In order to continue the staggered terms, a two-phase implementation was created for 2022 and 2024. In 2022, voters elected councilmembers to Districts 1, 3, and 5. In 2024, voters will elect councilmembers to Districts 2 and 4.

The term of office for two City Councilmembers (YK Chalamcherla and Rosario Rodriguez, both elected at-large in 2020) will expire in November 2024, while the term of office for three City Councilmembers elected in 2022 (Sarah Aquino (District 3), Mike Kozlowski (District 1), and Anna Rohrbough(District 5)) will continue through November 2026.

### **Candidate's Statements**

In addition to addressing the expiration of staggered terms, the City Council must consider the provisions outlined in the California Elections Code regarding candidate's statements. The candidate's statements serve as critical tools for voters to make informed decisions during elections by providing candidates with an opportunity to communicate their platforms, qualifications, and intentions directly to the electorate. The candidate's statement is included in the sample ballot mailed to voters, with the Elections Code establishing legal parameters for its form and content. This process fosters transparency and accountability in the electoral process, ensuring that voters have access to essential information about the candidates vying for City Council seats.

Each candidate has the option to prepare a candidate's statement, which may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of not more than two hundred words of the candidate's qualifications, as expressed by the candidate. The statement shall not include any party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statements shall be filed with the City Clerk at the same time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 P.M. the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

If a candidate chooses to submit a candidate's statement, they must pay the corresponding printing fee. The 2024 candidate's statement fees, as set by Sacramento County, are:

District 2: \$580  
District 4: \$520

### **POLICY/RULE:**

Pursuant to Folsom Municipal Code Section 2.40.010, the date of the General Municipal Election shall be the same date as the Statewide General Election in even numbered years. Elections Code Section 10400 establishes that, whenever two elections are to be held on the

same day, they may be consolidated. In addition, Elections Code Section 10403 sets forth the requirement that jurisdictions file a resolution requesting consolidation with the local county board of supervisors.

Folsom Charter Section 2.01 establishes that City Council members shall be elected to four-year, staggered terms.

Elections Code Section 13307 provides that the governing body of any local agency may adopt regulations pertaining to the materials prepared by any candidate, including costs of the candidate's statement. The candidate's statement fee, which is paid for by the candidates, is set by the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters prior to the election.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Sacramento County Registrar of Voters has estimated the election cost for Folsom at approximately \$55,000. Funds have been included in the City Clerk's proposed FY 2024/25 budget to cover this cost.

**ATTACHMENT**

Resolution No. 11201 - A Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento Consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, and Establishing Policies for Candidate's Statements

Submitted,

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Christa Freemantle, CMC  
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 11201**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024,  
REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CONSOLIDATE THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH THE  
STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION, AND  
ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR FOLSOM CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, an election will be held within the City of Folsom on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing two City Council members; and

**WHEREAS**, a Statewide General Election will be held within the County of Sacramento on the same day; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 10403 requires jurisdictions to file with the Board of Supervisors, and a copy with the Registrar of Voters, a resolution requesting consolidation with a statewide election; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California authorizes the governing body of any local agency to adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate's statement:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Folsom City Council hereby requests that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors consolidate the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election with the Statewide Election to be held on that same date; and

**SECTION 2.** That each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Folsom on November 5, 2024, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of not more than two hundred (200) words of the candidate's qualifications, as expressed by the candidate. The statement shall not include any party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statements shall be filed in with the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 P.M. the next working day after the close of the nomination period. The Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Department will set the cost of the candidate's statement prior to the election; this fee will be paid to the City of Folsom by the candidate at the time the nomination papers and candidate's statement are filed; and

**SECTION 3.** That the City of Folsom agrees to reimburse the Registrar of Voters for actual costs accrued for each election, such costs to be calculated by the proration method set forth in the County's current Schedule of Fees and Charges.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024, by the following roll-call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmember(s):

**NOES:** Councilmember(s):

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s):

**ABSTAIN:** Councilmember(s):

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Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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