Folsom City Council
Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	5/12/2020
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 10425 - A Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento Consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, and Establishing Policies for Candidates' Statements
FROM:	City Clerk's Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the Folsom City Council adopt Resolution No. 10425 - A Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento Consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, and Establishing Policies for Candidates' Statements

BACKGROUND:

The term of office for two City Council Members (Council Members Ernie Sheldon and Roger Gaylord) elected in 2016 will expire in November. These two city council seats are scheduled to be elected at the November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election.

Candidates for the City Council seats may file a candidate statement which is included in the sample ballot mailed to voters. The candidate statement is a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications, and Elections Code establishes certain legal parameters for the statement's form and content.

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, and County elections staff have advised this fee will be set once the ballot printer provides printing costs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Sacramento County Registrar of Voters has estimated the election cost at approximately $65,000. Funds have been included in the proposed FY 2020/21 budget to cover this cost.

ATTACHMENT

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Submitted,

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Christa Freemantle, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 10425

A RESOLUTION CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CONSOLIDATE THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, an election will be held within the City of Folsom on November 3, 2020, 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 provides that the governing body of any local agency 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 3, 2020, 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 3, 2020, 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 education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. 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 the Office of 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 12th day of May 2020, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):

NOES: Council Member(s):

ABSENT: Council Member(s):

ABSTAIN: Council Member(s):

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Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK