



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	07/14/2026
AGENDA SECTION:	Election Related Items
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11675 - A Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 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. 11675 - A Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 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 three City Councilmembers who were elected in 2022 will expire in November 2026:

District 1	Mike Kozlowski
District 3	Sarah Aquino
District 5	Anna Rohroubh

The term of office for two City Councilmembers who were elected in 2024 will expire in November 2028:

District 2	Justin Raithel
District 4	Barbara Leary

Candidates for 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, 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 for three Councilmembers at approximately \$65,000. Funds have been included in the proposed FY 2026/27 budget to cover this cost. If ballot measures are also added to the election, the cost will be approximately \$83,000 for the first measure, and \$12,200 for each additional measure.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution No. 11675 - A Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 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

Submitted,

Christa Freemantle, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 11675

**A RESOLUTION CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026,
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, a General Municipal Election will be held within the City of Folsom on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing three City Council members; and

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

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

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 13307 provides that the governing body of any local agency may adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including the formatting, submission, and costs of the candidate's statement; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Department has established a new practice allowing candidates to elect to have their candidate statement printed in the official voter information guide or published exclusively online on the County's election website;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Folsom as follows:

SECTION 1. Election Called. Pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California and Article VI, "Elections", of the Adopted Charter of the City of Folsom, there shall be, and is hereby called and ordered held in the City of Folsom, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, a General Municipal Election of the qualified electors of Electoral Districts 1, 3, and 5 of the City of Folsom for the purpose of electing one (1) City Council Member to represent each of the following Electoral Districts: Electoral Districts 1, 3, and 5, for the full term of four (4) years.

SECTION 2. Notice of Election. Notice of the time and place of holding the election referenced in Section 1 is hereby given and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to give such further or additional notice of said election in the time, form, and manner as required by law.

SECTION 3. Election Consolidation. The Folsom City Council hereby requests that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors consolidate the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election to be held on that same date.

SECTION 4. Candidate Statements. 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, 2026, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk.

- Content and Form: 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 the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
- Submission and Withdrawal: The statements shall be filed 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. on the next working day after the close of the nomination period.
- Publication Selection: In accordance with Sacramento County guidelines, candidates shall designate at the time of filing whether their statement shall be printed in the physical voter information guide or published exclusively online on the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections website.
- Fees and Payment: The Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Department will determine the cost of the candidate's statement prior to the election based on the selected publication method. This fee shall be paid to the City of Folsom by the candidate at the time the nomination papers and candidate's statement are filed.

SECTION 5. County Reimbursement. The City of Folsom agrees to reimburse the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters for costs accrued for the execution of the election, such costs to be calculated as set forth in the County's current Schedule of Fees and Charges.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of July 2026, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):
NOES: Councilmember(s):
ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Justin Raithel, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK