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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of March 23, 2026

**Title/Subject**

Public Notice of the May 19, 2026 Primary Election- Candidate Listing.

**Summary and Background**

Notice is being given that on May 19, 2026 the City of Hermiston will hold an election for your choice of candidates for the following elected positions:

- Ward Specific Councilors- Four-year terms beginning 01/01/2027 to 12/31/2030
  - Ward I
    - Kirsta Van Veen
    - Jackie Linton
  - Ward II
    - Caleb Jacobs
    - Roy N. Barron
  - Ward III
    - Barbara J. Martin
    - Leeann Wornell
  - Ward IV
    - Manuel Flores III
    - David Patrick McCarthy
- Municipal Judge – Two-year term beginning 01/01/2027 to 12/31/2028
  - Cameron R. Bendixsen

The City Charter states the Municipal Judge and Ward Specific Council candidates will run in the Primary Election. If there are two or less candidates then the Primary Election will determine who will be elected into office.

Attached you will find the Public Notice for the Primary Election – Candidate Listing, which is being published in the Hermiston Herald and posted at the following locations: City Hall/Library, Post Office, and on the City's website and social media sites.

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

Community Communication and Engagement

**Fiscal Information**

Apart from a modest publication cost, there is no financial impact.

**Alternatives and Recommendation**

Alternatives

None. Information Only

Recommended Action/Motion

None. Information Only

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