

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY CHARTER, AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO TO ORDER CONSOLIDATION OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the City Charter, a General Municipal Election shall be held in the City of Needles on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the election of one Mayor for a full term of two (2) years and three (3) Members of the City Council for full terms of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, a Statewide General Election will be held in the County of San Bernardino on Tuesday, November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10403, to request that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino order the consolidation of the City of Needles General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that the consolidated election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter and applicable law, there is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Needles, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing one Mayor for a full term of two (2) years and three (3) Members of the City Council for full terms of four (4) years.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino is hereby respectfully requested to order the consolidation of the City of Needles General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be held in the County of San Bernardino on the same date.

SECTION 3. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino is hereby further respectfully requested to authorize the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters, or other appropriate County elections official, to place upon the same ballot as that provided for the Statewide General Election the names of the candidates for the following municipal offices:

- One Mayor, to be elected on a citywide basis for a full term of two (2) years; and
- Three Members of the City Council, each to be elected on a citywide basis for a full term of four (4) years.

SECTION 4. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The City of Needles acknowledges that the consolidated election shall be conducted in accordance with California Elections Code Section 10418 and all other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 5. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino is hereby respectfully requested to authorize the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters, or other appropriate County elections official, to conduct the election, canvass the returns, and certify the results of the election to the City Council of the City of Needles as required by law.

SECTION 6. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino is hereby further respectfully requested to authorize and permit the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters, or other appropriate County elections official, to perform all services necessary or appropriate for the consolidation and conduct of the City of Needles General Municipal Election, including but not limited to:

- a) Preparing, printing, and supplying ballots and election materials for the election;
- b) Including the City of Needles municipal offices, candidate names, and any authorized candidate statements in the County Voter Information Guide, sample ballot materials, vote-by-mail materials, electronic materials, and/or any other election materials as applicable;

- c) Establishing and operating vote centers, polling places, ballot drop-off locations, and/or other voting locations as required by law;
- d) Conducting the election, processing ballots, canvassing returns, and certifying the election results; and
- e) Performing such other services as may be necessary to conduct the consolidated election in accordance with law.

SECTION 7. The vote centers, polling places, ballot drop-off locations, and/or other voting locations for the election shall be open and operated as required by applicable provisions of the California Elections Code and procedures established by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 8. Candidate Statements. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13307, each candidate for elective office may prepare and submit a candidate statement on the form provided by the City Clerk and in accordance with applicable City and County election procedures. Each candidate who elects to file a candidate statement shall be responsible for payment of the estimated cost of printing, handling, translating, mailing, and electronically distributing the candidate statement, as determined by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters. Payment of the estimated cost shall be made at the time the candidate statement is filed, unless otherwise required by law or County procedure. If the actual cost of the candidate statement is greater or less than the estimated cost, the candidate shall be responsible for paying any additional amount due or shall be refunded any overpayment, as applicable.

SECTION 9. The City of Needles agrees to reimburse the County of San Bernardino in full for the City's share of the costs of services performed by the County in connection with the consolidation and conduct of the City of Needles General Municipal Election, upon presentation of a bill by the County.

SECTION 10. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to issuing and receiving nomination documents, coordinating candidate statements, publishing or posting notices as required by law, and transmitting required documents to the County of San Bernardino.

SECTION 11. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

SECTION 12. The City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino and to transmit an electronic copy to the Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of June 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Janet Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Candace Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney