



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: July 6, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Nicole McCutchen, Administrative Services Officer/City Clerk

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution 07-06-2026-B Ordering the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, Requesting Election Services from the Tuolumne County Elections Department, and Requesting Consolidation with the Statewide General Election

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Adoption of Resolution 07-06-2026-B Ordering the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, Requesting the Tuolumne County Elections Department Conduct the Election on Behalf of the City, and Requesting Consolidation of the City's Election with the November 3, 2026, Statewide General Election.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

Resolution 07-06-2026-B accomplishes the following:

- Orders the City of Sonora General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.
- Requests that the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors authorize the Tuolumne County Elections Department to conduct the City's election pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002.
- Requests consolidation of the City's General Municipal Election with the November 3, 2026, Statewide General Election pursuant to Elections Code Sections 10400 and 10403.
- Authorizes reimbursement to Tuolumne County for all costs associated with conducting the municipal election.
- Establishes that the Candidates' Statements of Qualifications will be limited to 200 words, with the candidate responsible for payment of the associated publication costs.
- Confirms that there have been no changes to the City's boundaries since the last municipal election.
- Directs the City Clerk to submit certified copies of the adopted resolution to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors and the Tuolumne County Elections Department within the statutory deadlines.

If the number of qualified candidates filing nomination papers does not exceed the number of offices to be filled, Elections Code Section 10229 authorizes the City Council to appoint the nominees in lieu of holding an election.



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Adoption of this resolution ensures compliance with California election law and allows Tuolumne County Elections to administer the City's election in conjunction with the statewide election, resulting in a more efficient and cost-effective election process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will reimburse the Tuolumne County Elections Department for the City's proportional share of the costs associated with conducting the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election. Funding for election expenses has been included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 07-06-2026-B Ordering the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, Requesting County Election Services, and Requesting Consolidation with the Statewide General Election.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability