



# ***CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT***

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MEETING DATE: June 7, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: General Municipal Election on November 2, 2004

DATE: May 21, 2004

FROM: City Clerk's Office

PRESENTATION BY: Julie Folcik, Deputy City Clerk

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt resolution calling and giving notice for the conduct of a General Municipal Election to be held on November 2, 2004, for the election for three members of City Council.
2. Adopt resolution requesting the Orange County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election and to issue instruction to the Orange County Registrar of Voters Elections Department to provide specific services in the conduct of the consolidated election.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2-14, the City's general municipal elections are held in November of even-numbered years, concurrent with the statewide elections. Three council seats will be available in the coming election, each serving a full term of four years. The current terms of office for Council Member Libby Cowan, Council Member Chris Steel and Council Member Mike Scheafer, expire in December of this year.

As provided in California Elections Code Section 10403, the City is requesting that the County Board of Supervisors consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, to be held on November 2, 2004. In addition, there is a request to instruct the Orange County Registrar of Voters to conduct the election with the City agreeing to reimburse the County for such services performed in the conduct of the General Municipal Election. An estimated amount of \$45,000 has been included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Preliminary Budget for this purpose.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Although it is a requirement that the elections are to be held, it has been a long standing practice to consolidate the General Municipal elections with the County along with the

statewide elections held in the even numbered years. In doing so, it is cost effective, reducing duplicity in both effort and in costs. All the cities in Orange County consolidate with the Orange County Registrar of Voters in the conduct of their general municipal elections.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

No alternatives have been considered, as it is a State Code requirement that the elections be held.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

Funding for this expenditure is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 proposed budget.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Legal has reviewed the resolutions and approved them as to form.

**CONCLUSION:**

As required by the California Elections Code the requested resolutions are presented for adoption in preparation of the General Municipal Election. Once adopted, certified copies of the resolution will be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors and the Orange County Registrar of Voters' Election Division.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Resolution Calling General Municipal Election](#)  
2 [Resolution Requesting Consolidation](#)