

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: DAISY GOMEZ, CITY CLERK  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

SUBJECT: DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL  
ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Clerk that the Council, by resolution, declare the results of the Consolidated General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for (1) the election of Jack Tibbetts, Julie Combs, Chris Rogers, and Ernesto Olivares to the City Council, each for a full term of four years; (2) City of Santa Rosa Measure N, Services Sales Tax Extension; and (3) City of Santa Rosa Measure O, Public Safety Spending Levels.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election was held pursuant to the City of Santa Rosa Charter Section 30. Sonoma County Registrar of Voters has canvassed the returns of the election and has certified the results.

BACKGROUND

1. On May 24, 2016, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28780, called a General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2016, for the election of four Council members.
2. On August 9, 2016, the City Council, by Resolution Nos. 28836, ordered the submission of a measure (Measure N) relating to the Services Sales Tax Extension to the qualified voters at the November 8, 2016, General Municipal Election.
3. On August 9, 2016, the City Council, by Resolution Nos. 28837, ordered the submission of a measure (Measure O) relating to the Public Safety Spending Levels to the qualified voters at the November 8, 2016, General Municipal Election.

4. The City's General Municipal Election was consolidated with the Presidential General Election, and the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters was authorized to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election.

### ANALYSIS

1. City Charter Section 6 requires the Council to certify the results of the General Municipal Election on the Tuesday succeeding the day the returns of the election are certified to the City by the County Registrar of Voters (ROV). The ROV has until December 8, 2016 (30 days after the election) to certify the results. Staff has been informed that the ROV plans to certify the election by December 2, 2016.
2. Upon completion of the canvass of the votes and before installing the new officers, the City Council must adopt a resolution reciting the fact of the election and declaring elected the persons for whom the highest number of votes were cast for each office. A summary of the unofficial election results for City Council members is as follows:

#### **Member, City Council Santa Rosa**

Vote For: 4

Completed Precincts: 74 of 74

	Vote Count	Percentage
Jack Tibbetts	40,788	21.1%
Julie Combs	38,628	20.0%
Chris Rogers	35,019	18.1%
Ernesto Olivares	33,776	17.5%
Don Taylor	23,775	12.3%
Brandi Asker	21,017	10.9%

3. A summary of the unofficial election results for City of Santa Rosa Measure N, Services Sales Tax Extension Measure, is as follows:

#### **Measure N-City of SR Services Sales Tax Exten**

Completed Precincts: 74 of 74

	Vote Count	Percentage
Yes	50,114	72.5%
No	19,001	27.5%

4. A summary of the unofficial election results for City of Santa Rosa Measure O, Public Safety Spending Levels Measure, is as follows:

**Measure O-City of SR**  
**Pub Safety Spending Lvl**  
Completed Precincts: 74 of 74

	Vote Count	Percentage
Yes	47,950	72.2%
No	18,502	27.8%

5. Following adoption of the resolution, the City Clerk will deliver a certification of election to each person elected and administer the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

FISCAL IMPACT

Based on the most recent voter registration report and discussions with the County Registrar of Voters, the estimated cost of the City Council election along with the two additional local measures is \$475,559. Funding for this expenditure is included in the adopted FY 2016-17 City Council Budget in the amount of \$450,000. The shortfall of \$25,559 will be included as an additional appropriation request with the mid-year budget report expected to come before Council on January 24, 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

City Clerk was notified by the ROV on November 30, 2016 that the certified Statement of Votes Cast would be available by December 2, 2016.

ATTACHMENT

- Resolution/Exhibit A – Election Results

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