

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: STEPHANIE A. WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
SUBJECT: DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Clerk that the Council: 1) by resolution, recite the fact and declare the results of the Consolidated General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the election to the City Council of Eddie Alvarez for District 1, Harrison "Jack" Tibbetts for District 3, Chris Rogers for District 5, and Natalie Rogers for District 7, each for a full term of four years, and the approval of City of Santa Rosa Measure Q - City of Santa Rosa One-Half Cent Sales Tax; and 2) adopt an Ordinance adding Chapter 3-30 to Title 3 of the Santa Rosa City Code to impose a temporary half-cent general transactions and use tax.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The November 3, 2020 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 June 16, 2020, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2020-090, called a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020, for the election of Council members to represent Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7.
2. On July 21, 2020, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2020-123, ordered the submission of a measure (Measure Q) relating to the Sales Tax to the qualified voters at the November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election.
3. The City's General Municipal Election was consolidated with the Statewide General Election, and the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters was authorized to canvass the returns.

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 3, 2020 (30 days after the election) to certify the results. The ROV certified the election on November 23, 2020 and the City received the original certification by mail on December 1, 2020.
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 official election results received from the Registrar of Voters for City Council members are as follows:

**Member, City Council
Santa Rosa District 1**

Completed Precincts: 13 of 13

	Vote Count	Percentage
Eddie Alvarez	3,166	45.78%
Duane De Witt	780	11.28%
Jorge Inocencio	2,176	31.47%
Elizabeth Valente	793	11.47%
Unresolved Write-in	0	0%

**Member, City Council
Santa Rosa District 3**

Completed Precincts: 25 of 25

	Vote Count	Percentage
Harrison "Jack" Tibbetts	12,065	98.52%
Write-in candidate Keith Rhinehart	181	1.48%
Unresolved Write-in	5	0%

**Member, City Council
Santa Rosa District 5**

Completed Precincts: 15 of 15

	Vote Count	Percentage
Azmina Hanna	2,682	31.66%
Chris Rogers	5,790	68.34%
Unresolved Write-in candidate(s)	2	0%

**Member, City Council
Santa Rosa District 7**

Completed Precincts: 21 of 21

	Vote Count	Percentage
Daniela Pavone	1,821	16.85%
Eric Christensen	4,393	40.65%
Natalie Rogers	4,593	42.50%
Unresolved Write-in candidate(s)	1	0%

3. A summary of the official election results for City of Santa Rosa Measure Q, One-half Sales Tax, is as follows:

**Measure Q-City of Santa
Rosa One-Half Cent Sales Tax**

Completed Precincts: 157 of 157

	Vote Count	Percentage
Yes	61,163	71.84%
No	23,970	28.16%

4. 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 one additional local measure is \$500,000. Funding for this expenditure was included in the adopted FY 2019-20 City Council Budget.

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 23, 2020, with a copy of the certified Statement of Votes Cast and original was received by mail on December 1, 2020.

ATTACHMENT

- Resolution/Exhibit A – Election Results
- Ordinance

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