

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 6, 2018

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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 6, 2018, for (1) the election of John Sawyer for District 2 of the City Council, the election of Victoria Fleming for District 4 of the City Council, and the election of Tom Schwedhelm for District 6 of the City Council, each for a full term of four years; (2) City of Santa Rosa Measure N, Housing Bond; and (3) City of Santa Rosa Measure O, Sales Tax.

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 June 26, 2018, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2018-106, called a General Municipal Election to be held on November 6, 2018, for the election of Districts 2, 4, and 6.
2. On July 24, 2018, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2018-126, ordered the submission of a measure (Measure N) relating to the Housing Bond to the qualified voters at the November 6, 2018, General Municipal Election.
3. On July 24, 2018, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2018-125, ordered the submission of a measure (Measure O) relating to the Sales Tax to the qualified voters at the November 6, 2018, General Municipal Election.

4. 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 6, 2018 (30 days after the election) to certify the results. The ROV certified the election on December 3, 2018 and the City received the original certification by mail on December 10th.
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 for City Council members are as follows:

Member, City Council Santa Rosa Dist 2

Completed Precincts: 22 of 22

	Vote Count	Percentage
John Sawyer	5,991	56.8%
Lee Pierce	4,539	43.0%
Write-in candidate(s)	21	0.2%

Member, City Council Santa Rosa Dist 4

Completed Precincts: 23 of 23

	Vote Count	Percentage
Victoria Fleming	4,863	45.1%
Dorothy Beattie	4,196	38.9%
Mary Watts	1,713	15.9%
Write-in candidate(s)	17	0.2%

Member, City Council Santa Rosa Dist 6

Completed Precincts: 11 of 11

	Vote Count	Percentage
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Tom Schwedhelm	5,548	96.4%
Write-in candidate(s)	205	3.6%

3. A summary of the official election results for City of Santa Rosa Measure N, Housing Bond, is as follows:

Measure N-City of Santa Rosa Housing Bond

Completed Precincts: 112 of 112

	Vote Count	Percentage
Yes	40,243	61.7%
No	25,018	38.3%

4. A summary of the official election results for City of Santa Rosa Measure O, Sales Tax, is as follows:

Measure O-City of Santa Rosa Sales Tax

Completed Precincts: 112 of 112

	Vote Count	Percentage
Yes	40,348	61.6%
No	25,184	38.4%

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 \$500,000. Funding for this expenditure was included in the adopted FY 2017-18 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 December 3rd with a copy of the certified Statement of Votes Cast and original was received by mail on December 10th.

ATTACHMENT

- Resolution/Exhibit A – Election Results

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