

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014
STAFF PRESENTER: TERRI A. GRIFFIN, CITY CLERK
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

ISSUE

Should the Council, by resolution, declare the results of the Consolidated General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for (1) the election of three members to the City Council, each for a full term of four years; and (2) City of Santa Rosa Measure N, UUT Modernization and Fairness Measure?

BACKGROUND

1. On May 13, 2014, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28477, called a General Municipal Election to be held on November 4, 2014, for the election of three Council members.
2. On July 29, 2014, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28526, ordered the submission of a measure (Measure N) relating to the modernization of the City Utility Users Tax Ordinance to the qualified voters at the November 4, 2014, 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 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 2, 2014 (28 days after the election) to certify the results. However, staff has been informed that the ROV plans to certify the election by November 25, 2014.
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 is as follows:

**Member, City Council
Santa Rosa**

Vote For: 3

Completed Precincts: 74 of
74

	Vote Count	Percentage
Tom Schwedhelm	16,291	15.1%
John Sawyer	16,555	15.4%
Chuck E Sims, II	3,830	3.6%
Keith Rhinehart	3,815	3.5%
Lee Pierce	11,833	11.0%
Curtis Byrd	13,271	12.3%
Ashle Crocker	15,534	14.4%
Chris Coursey	21,047	19.6%
Colleen Shea Fernald	5,237	4.9%
Write-in candidate(s)	126	0.1%

3. A summary of the official election results for City of Santa Rosa Measure N, UUT Modernization and Fairness Measure, is as follows:

**Measure N - City of SR
Utility User Tax Amend**

Completed Precincts: 74 of
74

	Vote Count	Percentage
Yes	18,937	46.1%
No	22,123	53.9%

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.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Clerk that the Council, by resolution, declare the results of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for (1) the election of Chris Coursey, John Sawyer, and Tom Schwedhelm to the City Council, each for a full term of four years; and (2) City of Santa Rosa Measure N, UUT Modernization and Fairness Measure.

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Attachments:

- None