



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### December 6, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Michele Gardner, Town Clerk *MG*

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a resolution reciting the fact of the General Election held on November 7, 2017, declaring the result and such other matters as provided by law

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the resolution.

#### **DISCUSSION**

On November 7, 2017 a consolidated general election was held in the Town for the offices of three Town Council members. Out of 5450 registered voters, 2432 voted, which is a 44.62% turnout.

State law requires the Council adopt a resolution to recite the fact of the election and declare the results, which are attached to the resolution as Exhibit "A." The results include the Marin County Registrar of Voter's certification and a statement of the votes cast.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The current estimated cost of this consolidated election is between \$5.50 and \$6.50 per registered voter, which is roughly \$30,000 to \$35,000 for the Town of Fairfax. The Town's last two elections, in 2011 and 2013, cost \$13,000 and \$8,000, respectively.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Resolution

**RESOLUTION 17-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW**

**WHEREAS,** A General Election was held and conducted in the Town of Fairfax, California, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, as required by law; and

**WHEREAS,** notice of the election was given in time, form and manner as provided by law; that voting precincts were properly established; that election officers were appointed and that in all respects the election was held and conducted and the votes were cast, received and canvassed and the returns made and declared in time, form and manner as required by the provisions of the Elections Code of the State of California for the holding of elections in general law cities; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Resolution 17-15 of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax, adopted June 7, 2017, the Marin County Election Department canvassed the returns of the election and has certified those results to this Town Council which results are received, attached and a part hereof as "Exhibit A;"

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax, California, does resolve, declare, determine, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. That the whole number of ballots cast in the precincts was 2432 for Councilmember, Full Term of 3 years, including Absentee and Provisional Ballots; and

SECTION 2. That the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the Town for each candidate are as listed in Exhibit "A" attached.

SECTION 3. That the names of the candidates voted upon at the election and the total number of votes each received were as follows:

<b>BRUCE ACKERMAN</b>	<b>1289</b>	<b>19.76%</b>
<b>JOHN REED</b>	<b>1287</b>	<b>19.73%</b>
<b>BARBARA COLER</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>18.53%</b>
<b>CINDY SWIFT</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>14.93%</b>
<b>DEBORAH BENSON</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>14.53%</b>
<b>CHARLES CORNWELL</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>12.26%</b>
<b>Write-In Votes</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.25%</b>

- SECTION 4. That as a result of the election the Town Council does declare and determine that Bruce Ackerman, John Reed, and Barbara Coler received the highest number of votes and were elected as Councilmembers, each for a full term of three years.
- SECTION 5. That the Town Clerk shall enter on the records of the Town Council of the Town, a statement of the result of the election, showing: (1) the whole number of ballots cast in the Town; (2) the offices voted upon; (3) the number of votes given at each precinct for each candidate; and (4) the total number of votes given for each candidate.
- SECTION 6. That the Town Clerk shall immediately make and deliver to each of the persons so elected a Certificate of Election signed by the Town Clerk and authenticated; that the Town Clerk shall also administer to each person elected the Oath of Office prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California and shall have them subscribe to it and file it in the office of the Town Clerk; and that each and all of the persons so elected shall then be inducted into the respective office to which he or she has been elected.
- SECTION 7. That the Town Clerk shall immediately certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 6th day of December 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN REED, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

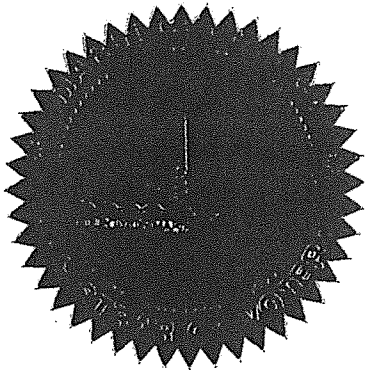
Attached: Exhibit A

## CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS OF VOTE

I, LYNDA ROBERTS, Registrar of Voters, County of Marin, State of California, do hereby certify I canvassed the vote cast at the Local District Elections held on November 7, 2017, and the results of said canvass are detailed in the *Official Final Results*, and the *Statement of Votes*, filed and retained with the Marin County Elections Department.

*(See attached summary report)*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal on the 22nd day of November, 2017.



*Lynda Roberts*  
LYNDA ROBERTS  
Registrar of Voters

EXHIBIT A

Marin County Registrar of Voters  
 General Election - November 8, 2017  
 Statement of Votes Cast - Official Final Results  
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	TURN OUT		
	Reg. Voters	Cards Cast	% Turnout
Jurisdiction Wide			
0203019			
Polling	1896	312	16.46%
VBM	1896	535	28.22%
Total	1896	847	44.67%
0203029			
Polling	1473	218	14.80%
VBM	1473	414	28.11%
Total	1473	632	42.91%
0203040			
Polling	753	101	13.41%
VBM	753	243	32.27%
Total	753	344	45.68%
0203060			
Polling	673	80	11.89%
VBM	673	250	37.15%
Total	673	330	49.03%
0203080			
Polling	655	86	13.13%
VBM	655	193	29.47%
Total	655	279	42.60%
Total			
Polling	5450	797	14.62%
VBM	5450	1635	30.00%
Total	5450	2432	44.62%

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Town of Fairfax, Town Council Member									
	Reg. Voters	Times Counted	Total Votes	DEBORAH BENSON		BRUCE ACKERMAN		BARBARA COLER	
Jurisdiction Wide									
0203019									
Polling	1896	312	859	124	14.44%	170	19.79%	155	18.04%
VBM	1896	535	1430	197	13.78%	301	21.05%	265	18.53%
Total	1896	847	2289	321	14.02%	471	20.58%	420	18.35%
0203029									
Polling	1473	218	617	94	15.24%	114	18.48%	111	17.99%
VBM	1473	414	1080	152	14.07%	211	19.54%	208	19.26%
Total	1473	632	1697	246	14.50%	325	19.15%	319	18.80%
0203040									
Polling	753	101	277	28	10.11%	68	24.55%	61	22.02%
VBM	753	243	608	84	13.82%	113	18.59%	132	21.71%
Total	753	344	885	112	12.66%	181	20.45%	193	21.81%
0203060									
Polling	673	80	218	30	13.76%	51	23.39%	40	18.35%
VBM	673	250	666	103	15.47%	124	18.62%	119	17.87%
Total	673	330	884	133	15.05%	175	19.80%	159	17.99%
0203080									
Polling	655	86	237	48	20.25%	40	16.88%	33	13.92%
VBM	655	193	531	88	16.57%	97	18.27%	85	16.01%
Total	655	279	768	136	17.71%	137	17.84%	118	15.36%
Total									
Polling	5450	797	2208	324	14.67%	443	20.06%	400	18.12%
VBM	5450	1635	4315	624	14.46%	846	19.61%	809	18.75%
Total	5450	2432	6523	948	14.53%	1289	19.76%	1209	18.53%

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Town of Fairfax, Town Council Member							
	CHARLES CORNWELL		CINDY SWIFT		JOHN REED		Write-In Votes
Jurisdiction Wide							
0203019							
Polling	105	12.22%	128	14.90%	177	20.61%	0 0.00%
VBM	156	10.91%	232	16.22%	274	19.16%	5 0.35%
Total	261	11.40%	360	15.73%	451	19.70%	5 0.22%
0203029							
Polling	69	11.18%	96	15.56%	131	21.23%	2 0.32%
VBM	123	11.39%	171	15.83%	210	19.44%	5 0.46%
Total	192	11.31%	267	15.73%	341	20.09%	7 0.41%
0203040							
Polling	25	9.03%	36	13.00%	59	21.30%	0 0.00%
VBM	84	13.82%	83	13.65%	111	18.26%	1 0.16%
Total	109	12.32%	119	13.45%	170	19.21%	1 0.11%
0203060							
Polling	26	11.93%	22	10.09%	49	22.48%	0 0.00%
VBM	96	14.41%	95	14.26%	126	18.92%	3 0.45%
Total	122	13.80%	117	13.24%	175	19.80%	3 0.34%
0203080							
Polling	35	14.77%	36	15.19%	45	18.99%	0 0.00%
VBM	81	15.25%	75	14.12%	105	19.77%	0 0.00%
Total	116	15.10%	111	14.45%	150	19.53%	0 0.00%
Total							
Polling	260	11.78%	318	14.40%	461	20.88%	2 0.09%
VBM	540	12.51%	656	15.20%	826	19.14%	14 0.32%
Total	800	12.26%	974	14.93%	1287	19.73%	16 0.25%

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Registered Voters 74175 - Cards Cast 30144 40.64%

Num. Report Precinct 65 - Num. Reporting 65 100.00%

Town of Fairfax, Town Council		
Member	Total	
Number of Precincts	5	
Precincts Reporting	5	100.0 %
Vote For	3	
Times Counted	2432/5450	44.6 %
Total Votes	6523	
<b>BRUCE ACKERMAN</b>	1289	19.76%
<b>JOHN REED</b>	1287	19.73%
<b>BARBARA COLER</b>	1209	18.53%
<b>CINDY SWIFT</b>	974	14.93%
<b>DEBORAH BENSON</b>	948	14.53%
<b>CHARLES CORNWELL</b>	800	12.26%
Write-in Votes	16	0.25%

City of Sausalito, City Council		
Member - Short Term	Total	
Number of Precincts	4	
Precincts Reporting	4	100.0 %
Vote For	1	
Times Counted	2471/5187	47.6 %
Total Votes	2463	
<b>SUSAN CLEVELAND-KNOX</b>	1157	46.98%
<b>BILL WERNER</b>	686	27.85%
<b>MELISSA BLAUSTEIN</b>	615	24.97%
Write-in Votes	5	0.20%

City of Larkspur, City Council		
Member	Total	
Number of Precincts	9	
Precincts Reporting	9	100.0 %
Vote For	3	
Times Counted	2946/8470	34.8 %
Total Votes	5871	
<b>KEVIN HAROFF</b>	1955	33.30%
<b>CATHERINE WAY</b>	1929	32.86%
<b>DANIEL HILLMER</b>	1894	32.26%
Write-in Votes	93	1.58%

Town of Tiburon, Town Council		
Member - Short Term	Total	
Number of Precincts	3	
Precincts Reporting	3	100.0 %
Vote For	2	
Times Counted	1956/6006	32.6 %
Total Votes	3412	
<b>HOLLI THIER</b>	1223	35.84%
<b>DAVID KULIK</b>	1209	35.43%
<b>JACK RYAN</b>	955	27.99%
Write-in Votes	25	0.73%

City of Novato, City Council Member		
Member	Total	
Number of Precincts	26	
Precincts Reporting	26	100.0 %
Vote For	2	
Times Counted	12533/30156	41.6 %
Total Votes	19429	
<b>DENISE ATHAS</b>	7401	38.09%
<b>PAT EKLUND</b>	7159	36.85%
<b>KEVIN J. MORRISON</b>	4706	24.22%
Write-in Votes	163	0.84%

Marin City Community Services		
District, Director	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0 %
Vote For	3	
Times Counted	455/1454	31.3 %
Total Votes	1273	
<b>ROYCE Y. McLEMORE</b>	249	19.56%
<b>TERRIE HARRIS-GREEN</b>	247	19.40%
<b>DAMIAN MORGAN</b>	203	15.95%
<b>DONALD PARKER</b>	202	15.87%
<b>GERALD R. NORMAN</b>	170	13.35%
<b>KEN MATEJKA</b>	150	11.78%
<b>KAREN E. ASHBY</b>	49	3.85%
Write-in Votes	3	0.24%

Town of San Anselmo, Town Council		
Member	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Vote For	3	
Times Counted	3105/8627	36.0 %
Total Votes	7804	
<b>BRIAN L. COLBERT</b>	2041	26.15%
<b>KAY COLEMAN</b>	1859	23.82%
<b>JOHN WRIGHT</b>	1828	23.42%
<b>STEVE BURDO</b>	1639	21.00%
<b>TOM KING</b>	407	5.22%
Write-in Votes	30	0.38%

Muir Beach Community Services		
District, Director	Total	
Number of Precincts	2	
Precincts Reporting	2	100.0 %
Vote For	3	
Times Counted	226/302	74.8 %
Total Votes	543	
<b>LEIGHTON HILLS</b>	163	30.02%
<b>STEVEN S. SHAFFER</b>	149	27.44%
<b>PETER C. LAMBERT</b>	86	15.84%
<b>LYNDA GROSE</b>	73	13.44%
<b>FRANK SCHOENFELD</b>	70	12.89%
Write-in Votes	2	0.37%



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Num. Report Precinct 65 - Num. Reporting 65 100.00%

Measure A - Lagunitas School District (2/3 vote needed)		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	2	
Precincts Reporting	2	100.0 %
Vote For	1	
Times Counted	1495/2664	56.1 %
Total Votes	1494	
YES	1072	71.75%
NO	422	28.25%

Measure B - City of Larkspur (Majority vote needed)		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	9	
Precincts Reporting	9	100.0 %
Vote For	1	
Times Counted	2946/8470	34.8 %
Total Votes	2921	
YES	1945	66.59%
NO	976	33.41%

Measure D - City of Novato (Majority vote needed)		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	26	
Precincts Reporting	26	100.0 %
Vote For	1	
Times Counted	12533/30156	41.6 %
Total Votes	12083	
YES	8933	73.93%
NO	3150	26.07%

Measure E - Marin County Flood Control District Zone No. 1 (2/3 vote)		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	30	
Precincts Reporting	30	100.0 %
Vote For	1	
Times Counted	14382/34406	41.8 %
Total Votes	14252	
NO	9341	65.54%
YES	4911	34.46%

Measure F - Mesa Park Recreation District (2/3 vote needed)		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0 %
Vote For	1	
Times Counted	392/935	41.9 %
Total Votes	391	
YES	323	82.61%
NO	68	17.39%