



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

June 7, 2017

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk *MG*

SUBJECT: Adoption of a resolution calling for a General Municipal Election to Be Held on November 7, 2017, for the Election of Certain Officers, Requesting the Marin County Board of Supervisors to Consolidate with the General Election Conducted on that Date, and Requesting Election Services of the County Elections Department

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution calling for a General Municipal Election to Be Held on November 7, 2017, for the Election of Certain Officers, Requesting the Marin County Board of Supervisors to Consolidate with the General Election Conducted on that Date, and Requesting Election Services of the County Elections Department.

BACKGROUND

On May 3, 2017, in response to the Voter Participation Rights Act, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 807, which changes the Town's regular municipal election dates from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years. The change will be phased in by electing Town officers (Town Councilmembers, the Town Clerk, and the Town Treasurer) to 3-year terms in the next two election cycles in November of 2017 and 2019. Beginning with the November 2020 election, the terms of Fairfax officeholders will return to 4 years.

Every regular election year, in order to meet the applicable election deadlines, the Town Council adopts a Resolution in June calling for the November election and requesting consolidation and election services from the County of Marin.

DISCUSSION

The terms of Councilmembers Barbara Coler, John Reed, and David Weinsoff will expire in November 2017, and thus three seats will be up for election, each for a three-year term in accordance with Ordinance No. 807. The timeline for potential candidates is as follows:

- July 17 - August 11** **Filing Period:** Candidates may take out nomination papers from the Town Clerk during this period, collect signatures, and file their completed papers with the Town Clerk.
- August 16** **Extended filing period:** If all incumbents do not file for candidacy, the deadline for NON-incumbents is extended to this date.
- November 7** **Election Day**

AGENDA ITEM # 14

RESOLUTION 17-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD
ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS,
REQUESTING THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSOLIDATE
WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION CONDUCTED ON THAT DATE, AND
REQUESTING ELECTION SERVICES OF THE COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, three four-year terms of office on the Fairfax Town Council will expire on the certification of the November 7, 2017 election results; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the California Voter Rights Participation Act, the Town Council adopted Ordinance No. 807 to transition the Town's general municipal election dates from the current odd-year schedule to the even-year statewide general election dates, by providing for a one-time adjustment to the terms of office for those prospective Town Councilmembers to be elected in November, 2017 to three (3) year terms, ending upon the certification of the November, 2020 election results; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Section 10403.5 of the California Elections Code the Marin County Board of Supervisors approved the change of election date under Ordinance No. 807; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 10002 and 10403 of the Elections Code, the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax may request the Board of Supervisors to permit the County Clerk to render specified service to the Town relating to the conduct of the election on a reimbursable basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax as follows:

1. That an election is hereby called to be held on November 7, 2017, at which election of three Town Council seats each for a term of three (3) years will be determined; and
2. That the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code Section 10418; and
3. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin is hereby requested to consolidate said election with any other applicable election conducted on the same day; and
4. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin is hereby requested to authorize and direct the County Elections Department to provide all

necessary election services and to canvass the results of said election;
and

5. That Town acknowledges that the County will bear additional costs by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any such costs upon the Town's receipt of a properly approved invoice; and
6. That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the Elections Official of the County of Marin.
7. The Town Clerk shall publish a "Notice of Election" pursuant to California Elections Code §12101.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax, County of Marin, State of California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 7th day of June 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

JOHN REED, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Michele Gardner, Town Clerk