



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

December 7, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Reciting the Fact of the General Election held on November 8, 2022, Declaring the Result and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution.

DISCUSSION

On November 8, 2022, a general election was held in the Town for the offices of two Town Council members, the Town Treasurer, and the Town Clerk, as well as Measure F, continuing the special tax for Ross Valley paramedic services for four years. State law requires the Council adopt a resolution to recite the fact of the election and declare the results.

The Resolution and results for the Council's consideration will be provided as a supplement to the packet prior to the meeting, as they must include the Marin County Registrar of Voter's certification and statement of the votes cast in the election. Under state law, the Registrar has until December 8th to certify the results, one day after this meeting. However, Registrar Lynda Roberts has indicated she will certify the Fairfax results on or before December 7th, in time for this meeting.

Currently, the uncertified final results posted on the County Election website indicate that Measure F passed with the required two-thirds vote, and that Stephanie Hellman and Lisel Blash were the top vote getters for the two Council seats. As well, Janet Garvin and Michele Gardner received enough votes for the offices of Town Treasurer and Town Clerk, respectively.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year Budget for 2022-23 allocated \$20,000 for election costs, which will cover early estimates of the costs of this election. The Elections Department estimates costs using a formula based on the number of contests within Fairfax, the number of Fairfax voters, as well as the number of jurisdictions on the consolidated ballot. Fairfax had four contests on the ballot: councilmember, treasurer, clerk, and a measure. As of October 24th, Fairfax had 5810 voters. Early rough estimates are coming in at around \$17,000.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution with the County Registrar's election certification and final results will be provided as a supplement prior to the December 7, 2022, meeting.