BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
City of Lafayette

Ordering a General Municipal Election)	
Requesting and Consenting to)	
Consolidation of Elections; and Setting)	**RESOLUTION NO: 2020-27**
Specifications of the Election Order)	

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2-16 of the City of Lafayette Municipal Code, the City of Lafayette's ("City") general municipal elections shall be held on the same day as the day of the statewide general election, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, the next statewide general election is to be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**; and

WHEREAS, a general municipal election is necessary to fill certain municipal offices, and it is to the advantage of the City to consolidate its general municipal election with the statewide general election pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002 in order to use the same precincts, polling places, and election officers for both elections and so that the County of Contra Costa ("County") Election Department canvass the returns of the general municipal election and that both the statewide general election and general municipal election be held in all respects as if there were only one election; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10002 requires the City to reimburse the County in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the City by the County Elections Official; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 13307 requires that before the nominating period opens the governing body must determine whether a charge shall be levied against each candidate submitting a candidate's statement to be sent to the voters; and may establish the cost; and determine whether the cost must be paid in advance; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 13307 allows establishment of a word limitation for the Candidates' statements; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 12101 requires the publication of a notice of the election once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City; and

WHEREAS, tie votes shall be determined by lot unless the City Council adopts the provisions of Elections Code 15651(b) prior to the conduct of the election resulting in the tie vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lafayette, California, does hereby resolve, declare, determine, and order that a general municipal election be held in accordance with the following specifications:

SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

1. The Election shall be held in the City of Lafayette, California on **Tuesday**, the **3rd day of November, 2020**. The purpose of the general municipal election is to elect the **following offices**:

Three (3) City Councilmembers for the full term of 4 Years each.

2. This City Council hereby requests and consents to the consolidation of this election with other elections which may be held in whole or in part of the territory of the City, as provided in Elections Code Section 10002.

3. The City, pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code Section 10403, requests the County to consent and agree to render such consolidated election services to the City as may be requested by the City Clerk for the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of the election of three members of the City Council for a term of four years each. The City will reimburse the County for the actual cost incurred in conducting the election upon receipt of a bill stating the amount due as determined by the County Elections Official.

4. Pursuant to the County of Contra Costa guidelines, Candidate Statements shall be limited to no more than **250 words**. As a condition of having the Candidate's Statement published, the Candidate shall pay the cost at the time of filing. The Candidate Statement shall be filed concurrently with the Candidate's nomination papers.

5. The **City of Lafayette** is to publish the Notice of Election in the following newspaper; **Contra Costa Times**, which is a newspaper of general circulation that is published daily in the City.

6. The City Council has determined that the action to be taken in the event of a tie vote is as follows: **In the event two or more Candidates receive an equal number of votes, the resolution of a tie vote shall be by lot.**

7. The City Council directs that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Registrar of Voters and to the County Board of Supervisors.

8. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to prepare any documents and take any additional actions that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

9. The County Election Department is authorized to canvass the returns of the general municipal election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used.

10. The County Board of Supervisors is required to issue instructions to the County Election Department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED upon motion of Councilmember Gerringer seconded by Vice Mayor Candell at a regular meeting of said Council on this 8th day of June, 2020, by the following vote:
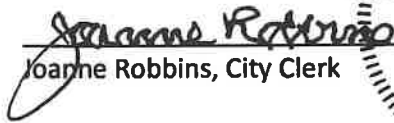
AYES: **Anderson, Candell, Bliss, Burks and Gerringer**
NOES: **None**
ABSTAIN: **None**
ABSENT: **None**

ATTEST:

Joanne Robbins, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Mike Anderson, Mayor