



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: **General Municipal Election –Approval of Resolutions**

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2016

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the following:

1. Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the General Municipal Election;
2. Resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to render specified services relating to the General Municipal Election; and
3. Resolution adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, June 2017.

BACKGROUND

On November 15, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance #684 approving the scheduling of the City's election for June 6, 2017. City resolutions need to be adjusted to reflect the June 6, 2017 election date.

In compliance with the California Elections Code, the following resolutions are required to conduct the General Municipal Election for the election of three members of the City Council for the full term of four years.

1. **Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of Election.** Calling for the Election and Filing Period: in order to hold an election for the City Councilmembers, the City is required to officially, by resolution, "call and give notice" of a General Election for June 6, 2017;
2. **Resolution requesting specified services from the Los Angeles County relating to the conduct of the General Municipal Election.** This resolution authorizes the City of Commerce to request the assistance of the County

Board of Supervisors to render specified services to the City relating to the General Municipal Election (ballot cards, registered voters roster, etc.); and

3. **Resolution regarding regulations pertaining to candidate statements.**

There was a recent change in the law that allows candidates to prepare a candidate statement to be posted only on the City's website. There is a cost of formatting involved, but the cost is cheaper than printing the candidate statement in the voter pamphlet and mailing. A section was added to the resolution to reflect this option.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff's recommendation; or
2. Provide alternative direction.

RELATIONSHIP TO 2016 STRATEGIC GOALS:

This agenda report relates to the strategic goal: "*Community Quality of Life*".

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost for the June 6, 2017 General Election is estimated to be \$50,000 and was included in the City's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. If the City adopts the proposed resolution, there is no additional fiscal impact to the City since candidates pay for their Candidates Statements.

Respectfully submitted by: Jorge J. Rifá, City Administrator

Recommended by: Lena Shumway, City Clerk

Reviewed for Fiscal Impact by: Vilko Domic, Finance Director

Reviewed by: Eduardo Olivo, City Attorney