Agenda Item: 10.G
Date of Meeting: April 22, 2024
Department: City Clerk

STAFF REPORT

To:	City Council
From:	Robin Picken
Subject:	**November 2024 General Municipal Election**
Prepared On:	April 17, 2024
Attachments:	Resolution - Call for Election for City Offices 2024 04 22 Resolution - Request Consolidation with County Election 2024 04 22 Resolution - Regulations for Candidates' Statements 2024 04 22

Background/History:
The attached resolutions are necessary for the City of Bishop to consolidate its General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election scheduled on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The City needs to hold an election for three Council seats, and a City Treasurer. The terms for City Council Members Jim Ellis, Jose Garcia, Karen Kong, and City Treasurer Nick Lara will be expiring.

There are three (3) proposed resolutions attached for Council's consideration.

1. A proposed resolution that calls for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the laws of the state of California relating to General Law cities. This resolution will call an election for the selection of three councilmembers, and a city treasurer.
2. A proposed resolution that requests consolidation with the County of Inyo for the City's election for these offices.
3. A proposed resolution that sets forth regulations on candidate statements for these offices.

Analysis/Discussion:
The attached resolutions set in motion the process by which three councilmembers will be selected to upcoming terms, and the process by which the city treasurer will be selected for an upcoming term. These resolutions are procedural in nature and are required for the City to decide these matters at the upcoming election November 5, 2024.

The first resolution calls the election for the election of three council seats and one city treasurer. The second resolution requests that the County of Inyo consolidate its election with the City of Bishop's election for these City offices. This allows the City to avoid the cost of

conducting a separate election for its own offices and provides the public with the convenience of voting for city, county, state and federal matters all on the same ballot.

The third resolution sets forth regulations regarding the submission of candidate statements for the city council and treasurer offices. The proposed resolution provides that candidate statements are due at the time nomination papers are filed and contains required language regarding translation of these statements.

Economic Impacts:
There are no Economic Impacts.

Budget Impacts:
Costs associated with running a consolidated election with the County of Inyo since November of 2012 has saved the City of Bishop thousands of dollars. Since the County upgraded their voting technology in 2020, it allows them to run even more efficiently saving the City even more money. Elections have cost the City less than $3,000. However, due to inflation, costs are expected to increase this year.

Legal Review:
City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:
Council consideration to adopt each resolution individually by title only in order to facilitate the General Municipal Election to be held November 5, 2024.

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