



Agenda Item: 8.A
Date of Meeting: June 8, 2026
Department: City Clerk

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Robin Picken
Subject: **RESOLUTIONS: November 2026 General Municipal Election**
Prepared On: May 5, 2026
Attachments: Resolution - Call for Election for City Offices
Resolution - Request Consolidation with County Election
Resolution - Regulations for Candidate's Statements

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 3, 2026. The City needs to hold an election for two Council seats. The terms for City Council Members Stephen Muchovej and Karen Schwartz 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 3, 2026, 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 two council members.
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 two council members will be selected to upcoming terms. These resolutions are procedural in nature and are required for the City to decide these matters at the upcoming election November 3, 2026.

The first resolution calls the election for the election of two council seats. 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 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.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

Not applicable.

Budget Impacts:

Costs associated with running a consolidated election with the County of Inyo Elections Office since November of 2012 has saved the City of Bishop thousands of dollars. The City has been able to save even more money since the County upgraded their voting technology in 2020. The City was invoiced a total of \$4,870.73 to pay for its portion of costs incurred by the County of Inyo Elections Office to conduct the consolidated November 5, 2024 General Elections for the City of Bishop. The City's estimated cost is \$5,000.00 to pay for its portion of costs to be incurred by the County of Inyo Elections Office to conduct the consolidated November 3, 2026 General Elections for the City of Bishop.

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 3, 2026.

Approved By:

Approved By: Robin Picken 6/4/2026

Approved By: Dean Pucci 6/4/2026

Approved By: Pam Foster 6/4/2026