



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 3.1

DATE: August 20, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Marianna A. Burch, City Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Appointing John Marchand to the Office of Mayor and Evan Branning to the Office of City Council Member, District 1 and Cancelling the November 3, 2026, Election for the uncontested seats in accordance with Elections Code Section 10229.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City Clerk's Office and Staff recommend the City Council:

Adopt a resolution appointing the uncontested nominated candidates for the offices of Mayor and City Council Member, District 1, and cancelling the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election for those seats.

SUMMARY

The nomination period for Livermore's Mayor and District 1 Council Member closed with only one candidate qualifying for each seat: John Marchand for Mayor and Evan Branning for District 1. According to Elections Code § 10229, the City Council may either appoint the nominated candidates or proceed with an election; if no action is taken, the election will be held.

DISCUSSION

The City of Livermore ("City") adopted Resolution No. 2026-072 to consolidate the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election ("Election") with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters. The Election was to be held for the following offices: Mayor and City Council Member District 1 and District 2. The nomination period for all three offices was open from July 13 - August 7, 2026. At the close of the nomination period, the following candidates qualified for the Election ballot:

The person nominated for the at-large seat of Mayor is: John Marchand

The person nominated for District 1 is: Evan Branning

The persons nominated for District 2 are: Ben Barrientos
Narayan Tadimeti

As there were not more candidates than offices to be elected for the Mayoral and District 1 seats, Elections Code § 10229 allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the Livermore City Council:

- 1) Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated.
- 2) Hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

A notice was published in the newspaper on August 13, 2026, notifying the public of these facts, as required by Section 10229. The City Council has until August 20, 2026 (the 75th day before the election) to take action, as stated above.

If no action is taken by the City Council, the election for the Mayor and City Council Member, District 1 seats shall be held. If the City Council proceeds with Option 1 and makes an appointment(s) pursuant to California Elections Code § 10229, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy submitted after the appointment(s) is made.

The Election for the City Council Member, District 2 seat shall be conducted as scheduled.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

During the 2024 General Election, the City of Livermore had three seats up for election: Mayor, District 3, and District 4. The costs associated with each race were as follows:

- Mayoral Race: \$267,357
- District 3: \$71,838
- District 4: \$69,938

Major components of the overall election costs included Registrar of Voters staffing, official ballot printing, ballot transportation, and postage.

If the Livermore City Council elects to cancel the 2026 election for the Mayor and Council Member, District 1 seats, the City could realize estimated cost savings of approximately \$200,000 to \$300,000.

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1: Engage effectively with the Mayor and City Council

ATTACHMENTS

[1. Notice of Facts 2026](#)

[2. Resolution](#)

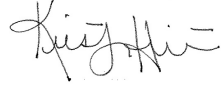
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