



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 7.3

DATE: July 25, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tina Olson, Administrative Services Director

SUBJECT: Resolution calling for and giving notice of the holding of a general municipal election for the submittal of an initiative entitled: "South Livermore Sewer Extension Project" to the voters of the City of Livermore and consolidating that election with the General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council do the following:

1. Adopt the resolution consolidating the City Council initiative with the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election and requesting services from Alameda County Registrar of Voters;
2. Consider appointing a subcommittee to prepare a ballot argument and rebuttal argument, or defer argument in favor of the measure to the Tri-Valley Conservancy as a bona fide proponent for the measure; and
3. Direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this election is to submit the South Livermore Urban Growth Boundary initiative to the voters and consolidate that election with the general municipal election on November 8, 2022.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with California Election Code section 9222, the City Council may submit the attached ordinance (Exhibit A), without alteration, to the voters at the next regular municipal election on November 8, 2022. It should also be determined whether to appoint a subcommittee to prepare a ballot argument (300 words) and rebuttal argument (250 words). The Council may also defer its argument in favor of the measure to the Tri-Valley Conservancy as a bona fide proponent for the measure.

Ballot Measure Arguments

Timelines for ballot measure arguments have been modeled after the provisions set forth in California Elections Code sections 9286 and 9285. Accordingly, direct arguments for or against the measure are

due within 14 days from calling the election; and rebuttal arguments for or against are due within 10 days after the final filing date for direct arguments.

Ballot Question

On July 11, 2022, the City Council adopted a resolution approving the ballot question and language for the South Livermore Urban Growth Boundary Initiative and directed staff to conduct all necessary actions to prepare materials for the November 8, 2022, ballot.

Impartial Analysis

In accordance with California Elections Code section 9280, the City Council may direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall then prepare an impartial analysis of the measure (not to exceed 500 words) showing the effect of the measure on existing law and the operation of the measure. The analysis shall then be printed preceding the arguments for and against the measure.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

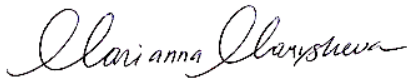
The estimated cost for the November 8, 2022 election provided by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters is \$4-\$6 per registered voter (excluding sample ballot cost and Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog and Vietnamese translation). Currently there are 56,968 registered voters in Livermore, estimating the cost to be \$227,872- \$341,808. Staff anticipates the actual cost for the November 8, 2022 election to be at the lower end of the estimate provided by the Registrar of Voters based on the expenses incurred from past elections. Placing a measure on this ballot would incur approximately \$15,000 in additional costs related to printing, typesetting, and translating the measure. At this time staff believes sufficient funds are budgeted and an additional appropriation is not needed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Exhibit A - Ballot Question and South Livermore Urban Growth Boundary Initiative](#)

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