



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.15

DATE: May 11, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Marianna A. Burch, City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution calling for and giving notice of the holding of a General Municipal Election and consolidating services with Alameda County on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the election of certain officers of the City.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City's General Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution calling for the election and directing the City Clerk, in cooperation with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, to conduct the election and request consolidation from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters.

DECISION TYPE

Legislative

SUMMARY

The purpose of this election is to elect a Mayor at-large for a two-year term and two members of the City Council, each for a four-year term, from the following districts:

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| 1 Vacancy – District 1 | City Council | 4-year term to expire 11/2030 |
| 1 Vacancy – District 2 | City Council | 4-year term to expire 11/2030 |

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the State of California Elections Code, the nomination period for the positions of Mayor and City Council Members opens Monday, July 13, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and closes Friday, August 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Per the California Elections Code, if any incumbent does not file papers by 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2026, the nomination period is to be extended for five days, until Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., for any qualified candidate except the incumbent.

Candidates are required to pay the full cost of printing a candidate's statement in the sample ballot. Costs include translating, typesetting, printing and mailing. Candidates pay a deposit and are billed for

the remainder of the costs after the election. Staff recommends that candidates pay a \$500 deposit for the 2026 election.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

The estimated cost for the November 3, 2026, election provided by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters is \$5 - \$7 per registered voter (excluding sample ballot cost and Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog and Vietnamese translation). Currently there are 58,050 registered voters in Livermore, estimating the cost to be between \$290,250 and \$406,350. Staff anticipates the actual cost for the November 3, 2026, election to be at the lower end of the estimate provided by the Registrar of Voters based on the expenses incurred from past elections as shown in the following table:

Year	Number of Registered Voters	Cost per Registered Voter	Consolidation Election Costs
2024	56,567	\$4.63	\$261,905
2022	56,968	\$5.30	\$301,943
2020	58,287	\$5.21	\$303,725
2018	52,641	\$4.16	\$219,316
2016	51,854	\$1.77	\$92,298
2014	48,407	\$1.61	\$77,975

The total amount budgeted for the November 3, 2026, election is \$385,000 including estimations for printing, translations, binding, and mailing costs for sample ballots and voter information pamphlets, resident education and outreach.

COMMUNITY PILAR

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GOAL

1: Engage effectively with the Mayor and City Council

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. [District Map](#)
- 2. [Resolution](#)

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