Agenda Item No: 1.f

PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: June 16, 2026
Submitted by: Brooke Lovell
From: City Clerk

Subject:
NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Financial Impact:
Estimated Expense: $90,000
Budgeted: $90,000 FY 2026-27 (101002-6299)

Summary:
A General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Placentia on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. At that time, the City will hold District Elections for City Council seats in Districts 2 and 4 and elect a City Clerk at-large.

In accordance with the California Elections Code, resolutions are presented pertinent to the calling and notice of the General Municipal Election, establishing regulations for candidates' statements, and submitting a request to the Orange County Board of Supervisors for consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the Statewide Election.

Recommended Action:
It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. R-2026-37, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Placentia, California, Calling for and Giving Notice of a General Municipal Election to Be Held in the City of Placentia on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the Election of Certain Officers, and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of Orange County to Consolidate With the Statewide General Election Being Held on That Date; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. R-2026-38, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Placentia, California, adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidates' statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Strategic Plan Statement:
This action supports Strategic Goal No. 5: Organizational Excellence by ensuring the City conducts its election process in a transparent, compliant, and efficient manner.

Discussion:
The City Charter requires municipal elections be conducted in accordance with the California Elections Code. The City of Placentia is calling for a General Municipal Election to be held on

November 3, 2026, and will consolidate this election with the Orange County Registrar of Voters. The November 3, 2026, ballot will include three (3) elected offices: one (1) Member of the City Council from District 2, one (1) Member of the City Council from District 4, and one (1) at-large City Clerk. Each office will be for a full four-year term.

To formally call the election and authorize consolidation with the Orange County Registrar of Voters, the City Council must adopt the proposed resolutions. Staff also recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving 200-word candidate statements and requiring each candidate who submits a statement to pay a deposit equal to the Registrar of Voters' cost estimate at the time of filing. Following the election, the City will either refund the candidate or invoice them for the actual pro-rata cost of printing as determined by the Registrar of Voters.

Financial Summary:
The estimate for election costs is $90,000 which has been budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Legislative Budget.

Attachments
CC RES R-2026-37 - Calling a Municipal Election and Consolidating with the General Election.docx
CC RES R-2026-38 - Candidate Statements.docx