



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Canvass of the August 11, 2026 Primary Election Results

MEETING DATE:

August 14, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

City Clerk

AGENDA SECTION:

Reports and Recommendations

PRESENTER:

Ann Kasel

Action Requested:

Adopting a Resolution declaring the results of the August 11, 2026, Primary Election and execution of the election abstracts.

Report Narrative:

The City Council serves as the Canvassing Board for City elections, and by state law must meet to canvass the returns and declare the results of the August 11, 2026, Primary Election within three days after the election. The Canvassing Board publicly canvasses the election by reviewing the abstract for all City election contests and may examine summary statements as desired before declaring results. When satisfied that the abstract reports are correct, the members of the canvassing board must sign the abstracts at which point they become the official results.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Quality Services
Social Equity

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

Fair and accessible elections administration is a core function of the City, with certification by the Canvassing Board required by the State of Minnesota. In conjunction with Olmsted County Elections, the City Clerk's Office and the City Clerk, in their function as the City's Election Administrator, strives and succeeds in providing transparent, accessible, and informed election events for the community.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

The City Council meets as the Canvassing Board after elections containing municipal contests as required by State law.

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

No fiscal impact occurs as the direct result of the certification of election results.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative action is suggested at this time.

Prepared By:

Ann Kasel

Attachments:

[Presentation - 2026 Primary Election Canvassing Board](#)

[Exhibit - 2026 Primary Abstract](#)

[Resolution - Certifying the Results of the August 11, 2026, Primary Election](#)