



**City Council Agenda  
June 1, 2016**

**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk  
**Subject:** Requesting Consolidation of Municipal Election  
**Date:** May 20, 2016

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**Recommendation**

By resolution request and consent to consolidate of a General Municipal Election on November 8, 2016, set specifications of the election order, and amend the Candidate Statement from a 300 word limit to a 250 word limit as requested by Contra Costa County Elections Office.

**Background**

Pursuant to the Elections Code Sections 10002 and 10400, the City Council must call and give notice to hold a General Municipal Election. The City is also required to file a resolution with the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors requesting consolidation and to set specifications of election order.

Currently, the City has adopted 300 words for Candidate Statements. The County Elections Office has requested all cities to use 250 words which will cost \$263. If the Council desires to keep the 300 word count, the costs will double to \$526, paid by the candidate.

**Fiscal Impact**

The estimate for the City's portion of the 2016 election is a range from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per registered voter (22,498 register voters), \$33,747.00 — \$44,996.00 total.

**Attachment**

- Resolution

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Acting City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. -16**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND CONSENTING TO CONSOLIDATION OF A  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, AND  
SETTING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has ordered a Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, to fill certain municipal offices; and

**WHEREAS**, other elections may be held in whole or in part of the territory of the City and it is to the advantage of the City to consolidate pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 10002 requires the City to reimburse the County in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the City by the County Elections Official; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 12112 requires that before the nominating period opens the governing body must determine whether a charge shall be levied against each candidate submitting a candidate's statement to be sent to the voters; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 12112 requires the publication of a notice of the election once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that an election be held in accordance with the following specifications:

1. The election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The purpose of the election is to choose successors for the following offices:  
  
Member, City Council 11/16 - 11/20  
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City Clerk 11/16 – 11/20  
City Treasurer 11/16 – 11/20
2. This City Council hereby requests and consents to the consolidation of this election with other elections which may be held in whole or in part of the territory of the City, as provided in Election Code 10400.
3. The City will reimburse the County for the actual cost incurred in conducting the election upon receipt of a bill stating the amount due as determined by the elections official.
4. The Candidate's Statement will be limited to 250 words. As a condition of having Candidate's Statement published the candidate shall pay the full estimate of \$263.00 at the time of filing.

5. The City Council directs that the City Clerk's Office to publish the Notice of Election in Martinez News-Gazette, which is a newspaper of general circulation that is published in the City.
6. The City Council directs the City Clerk Office to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters and the Board of Supervisors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** in the event two or more persons receive an equal and the highest number of votes for an office to be voted for in the election called hereby, rather than said tie vote being determined by lot, said tie vote shall be determined pursuant to a special runoff election set and conducted pursuant to Cal. Elections Code §15651(b).

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF MARTINEZ