



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/28/2020

File #: 20-916

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Requesting Consolidation of City of Fortuna Special Election with the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Registrar of Voters to conduct a special election for City of Fortuna;
2. Consolidate this election with the Presidential General Election to be held on November 3, 2020;
3. Direct City of Fortuna to reimburse the County of Humboldt for costs incurred pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-26; and
4. Request the Clerk of the Board forward the signed Board Order and copy of Resolution No. 2020-26 to the Humboldt County Office of Elections.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

City of Fortuna

DISCUSSION:

On July 6, 2020, the City of Fortuna passed Resolution No. 2020-26 which orders a special election relating to a tax measure, in the amount of \$1.4 million and subject to approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by the qualified electorate. Further, Resolution No. 2020-26 requests the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors consolidate the special election with the Presidential General Election to be held on November 3, 2020, directs county election officials to conduct the necessary election, and states that City of Fortuna agrees to reimburse the county for all costs associated with the special election.

The question to be submitted to the voters shall read:

“Shall the measure to extend the current $\frac{3}{4}\phi$ transaction and use tax for an additional 8 years beyond the March 31, 2025 expiration date to provide approximately \$1,400,000 annually to fund, maintain and improve essential services, including police services; nuisance abatement; streets, sidewalks, and drainage; parks maintenance; and programs for youth and seniors; and requiring independent annual financial audits and a community oversight committee, with all funds remaining in Fortuna, be

adopted?”

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Election consolidation will ultimately not impact the General Fund. All funds advanced by the General Fund will be fully reimbursed by the City of Fortuna.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board’s Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service and building interjurisdictional and regional cooperation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

City of Fortuna

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your board could choose not to approve the City of Fortuna special election with the Presidential General Election. This is not recommended as this request is compliant with Elections Code, Section 10403. Additionally, not consolidating the election would require the Office of Elections to conduct multiple elections simultaneously, increasing costs to both the county and city.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 2020-26

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A