



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/28/2020

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File #: 20-862

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Clerk/Recorder

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Resolution Requesting Consolidation of City of Eureka General Municipal Election and 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 the general municipal election and special election for the City of Eureka;
2. Consolidate these elections with the Presidential General Election to be held on November 3, 2020;
3. Direct the City of Eureka to reimburse the County of Humboldt for costs incurred; and,
4. Request the Clerk of the Board forward the signed Board Order and copy of City of Eureka Resolution No. 2020-30, Resolution No. 2020-31, Resolution No. 2020-32, and Resolution No. 2020-33 to the Humboldt County Office of Elections.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

City of Eureka

**DISCUSSION:**

On June 2, 2020, the City of Eureka passed Resolution No. 2020-30, Resolution No. 2020-31, Resolution No. 2020-32, and Resolution No. 2020-33, which orders a general municipal election and special election relating to adopting an ordinance for ranked choice voting and subject to approval of majority of vote (50%+1) of the votes cast by the qualified electorate.

Pursuant to the Resolution No. 2020-32 and Resolution No. 2020-33, the question to be submitted to the voters shall read:

“Shall Sections 202 and 207 of the Eureka City Charter be amended to require the Eureka City Council to adopt an ordinance providing for ranked choice voting for offices of Mayor and Councilmembers?”

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Election consolidation will ultimately not impact the General Fund. All funds advanced by the General

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Fund will be fully reimbursed by the City of Eureka.

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 Eureka

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 2020-30

Attachment 2: Resolution No. 2020-31

Attachment 3: Resolution No. 2020-32

Attachment 4: Resolution No. 2020-33

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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