



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/9/2022

File #: 22-981

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Requesting Consolidation of City of Ferndale General Municipal Election and Special Election with the November 8, 2022 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 Ferndale;
2. Consolidate these elections with the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022;
3. Direct the City of Ferndale to reimburse the County of Humboldt for costs incurred; and,
4. Request the Clerk of the Board to forward the signed Board Order and copy of City of Ferndale Resolution 2022-07 and Resolution 2022-08 to the Humboldt County Office of Elections.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

City of Ferndale

DISCUSSION:

On June 15, 2022, the City of Ferndale passed Resolution No. 2022-07 which orders a general municipal election for the purpose of electing certain officers, and Resolution No. 2022-08 to place an Essential Services Tax Measure on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot. The City of Ferndale is requesting consolidation with the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022, pursuant to Elections Code, Section 10403 and agrees to reimburse the County of Humboldt for all costs associated with the consolidated election.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-08 the question to be submitted to the voters shall read:

“To maintain and improve essential public safety services, including police services and nuisance abatement, shall the City of Ferndale measure to levy a three quarter-cent sales tax, raising approximately \$104,000 annually, until March 31, 2031, with independent annual audits and all funds remaining in Ferndale, be adopted?”

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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 Ferndale.

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 Ferndale

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your board could choose not to approve consolidation of the City of Ferndale General Municipal Election and Special Election with the 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 of Ferndale.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2022-07

Resolution No. 2022-08

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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