



COUNTY OF

For the meeting of: 8/9/202

File #: 22-984

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolutions from the City of Trinidad Requesting Consolidation of the 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 City of Trinidad;
2. Consolidate these elections with the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022;
3. Direct City of Trinidad to reimburse the County of Humboldt for costs incurred pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-07 and Resolution No. 2022-10; and,
4. Request the Clerk of the Board forward the signed Board Order and copy of City of Trinidad Resolution No. 2022-07 and Resolution No. 2022-10 to the Humboldt County Office of Elections.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

City of Trinidad

DISCUSSION:

On May 10, 2022, the City of Trinidad passed Resolution No. 2022-07 for the purpose of electing certain officers. One June 14, 2022, the City of Trinidad passed Resolution No. 2022-10 for the purpose of submitting to the electors a measure to increase the tourist occupancy tax ("TOT") from eight percent (8%) to twelve percent (12%). Further, Resolution 2022-07 and Resolution 2022-10 request the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors consolidate the municipal and special elections with the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022, directs county election officials to conduct the necessary election, and states that City of Trinidad agrees to reimburse the county for all costs associated with the general municipal election and special election.

The question to be submitted to the voters shall read:

“To maintain and improve essential public safety services, including law enforcement, roads, and essential services, shall the City of Trinidad measure to increase the existing tourist occupancy tax rate from 8% to 12% raising an approximate additional amount of \$65,000 annually, with all funds remaining in Trinidad, 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 Trinidad.

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 Trinidad

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your board could choose not to approve the City of Trinidad general municipal or special elections 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.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 2022-07

Attachment 2: Resolution No. 2022-10

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

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