



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Declaring the Result of the General Municipal Election of June 7, 2022

1 . Resolution Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Action Item

Approved for July 12, 2022 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Glendale Municipal Election was held on June 7, 2022, administered by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. It is recommended that Council adopt the resolution reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

BACKGROUND

The Glendale Municipal Election was held on June 7, 2022, administered by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. This election marked the second time in which the Los Angeles County transitioned from polling places to Vote Centers, which allowed voters to cast a ballot at any Vote Center location in the County over an 11-day period.

On March 21, 2022, the Glendale Community College District adopted a resolution to remove Board of Trustees from the Statewide Direct Primary Election and seat the three unopposed incumbent trustees as Members of the Board of Trustees for Trustee Areas 2, 3, and 4.

Twelve Vote Centers were located in the Glendale area (including La Crescenta) for the election; two Vote Centers were open for eleven days, beginning on Saturday, May 28, 2022, and the remaining ten Vote Centers were open for four days, beginning on Saturday June 4, 2022. Of these twelve locations, the City of Glendale provided the County with four of its facilities to serve as Vote Centers.

There was an additional eight Vote-by-Mail Drop-Off Boxes, available 24-hours a day 30 days before election day. Vote Centers were open from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm for the eleven days leading up to Election Day, and from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm on Election Day.

Each Vote Center provided voters with new, fully accessible Ballot Marking Devices. Ballot Marking Devices are not internet-based. They consist of a paper-based modern tally system that counts votes from a paper ballot using image processing technology. These devices are accessible and translated into twelve languages.

At the end of each day during the 11-day voting period, ballots were securely delivered to the County, then routed to the Downey Talley Center in Downey. There, ballots were processed in a location that was open for public observation. Vote-By-Mail ballots that were returned to the County were processed in a separate location that was also available for public observation. Logic and accuracy tests were run immediately before and after the ballot tally to ensure that the program counting the ballots functioned accurately.

Once the final set of ballots was received by the County the evening of June 7, 2022, the County processed as many ballots as possible through the early morning. From that point moving forward, the County adhered to a canvassing schedule that consisted of processing ballots from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm every Tuesday and Friday; the final tally concluded on Friday, July 1, 2022, after which point the LA County Registrar-Recorder

certified that the election had concluded.

ANALYSIS

The total number of ballots cast in the June, 7 2022, Glendale Municipal Election was 39,208 (out of 114,676 registered voters). The Election produced an overall voter turnout of 34.19%. By comparison, the 2020 General Municipal Election yielded a voter turnout of 40.96%, indicating that this year's voter turnout decreased by 6.77%. The total votes cast in the Glendale Unified School District were as follows: Area B= 9,322; Area C = 9,716; Area D = 7,686.

The following are the election results based on the votes cast:

FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

(Four-Year Term)

Elen Asatryan

Dan Brotman

Ara James Najarian

FOR CITY CLERK

(Four-Year Term)

Suzie Abajian

FOR CITY TREASURER

(Four-Year Term)

Rafi Manoukian

FOR GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

(Four-Year Term)

Trustee Area B: Ingrid Gunnel

Trustee Area C: Kathleen Cross

Trustee Area D: Shant Sahakian

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the election was budgeted at \$649,919 within the City Clerk Department's budget. It is yet to be determined what the final election costs will be, as a final invoice has not been received from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office. Glendale Unified School District will be billed for their respective portions of the consolidated election by the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorders Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

Not applicable.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Adopt Resolution as proposed.

Alternative 2: Not adopt Resolution as proposed.

Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not propose by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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Approved by:

Roubik R. Golanian, P.E., City Manager

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit 1: Certification of Elections Results

Exhibit 2: Final Official Canvass: Statement of Votes Cast for the Glendale Municipal Election