

RESOLUTION NO. 8314

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA, (1) CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO CITY COUNCILMEMBERS; (2) REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF SUCH ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY; (3) REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE HOLDING OF THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION; AND (4) ADOPTING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, under the provision of the laws relating to General Law cities in the State of California, a General Municipal Election of the City of San Fernando (the "City") shall be conducted on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the City Council for the full term of four-years each; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that said election be consolidated with the County-administered General Election to be held on the same date and that within the City the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles ("County Registrar") canvass the returns of the City's General Municipal Election and that it be held in all respects as if it were part and parcel of the County-administered General Election; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to secure the consent and order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles (the "Board of Supervisors") to effectuate such consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the City shall compensate the County Registrar for all necessary expenses incurred by the County in performing election services for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approves the printing of the information for said election in the foreign languages requiring translation pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 13307 provides that the City may adopt regulations pertaining to the recovery of certain costs associated with the printing, handling, translation, and mailing of candidate statements as filed with the elections officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, FIND, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals above and findings therein are true and correct and incorporated into the body of this Resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law cities, the City Council hereby orders and calls a General Municipal Election to be held in the City of San Fernando, California on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to be consolidated with the County-administered General Election to be held on the same day for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the City Council for the full term of four-years.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 10403 of the Elections Code, it is respectfully requested that the Board of Supervisors consent and agree to the consolidation of the City's General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 with the County-administered election to be held on the same date.

SECTION 4. In connection with the County Registrar's administration of the City's November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election, the City further requests that the County Registrar be authorized and directed to: (a) review and verify vote by mail applications and signatures; (b) conduct registered voter verifications (including signature verifications) associated with the processing of any proposed General Municipal Election ballot measure; (c) provide the City with the appropriate election precinct data, to the extent required; (d) make available to the City such election facilities, ballot casting equipment and assistance as may be necessary to conduct the election in compliance with state law and the Board of Supervisor's approval; (e) canvass the election returns; (f) print and supply ballots for the election; (g) mail the City's sample ballots, including ballot measure question, arguments, rebuttals and impartial analysis; and (h) administer the City's General Municipal Election in all respects as if it were part and parcel of any other County Registrar administered election, implementing all such legally required or customarily employed measures and practices as may be necessary to conduct the election in a timely and legally compliant manner.

SECTION 5. The City shall reimburse the Country Registrar for any costs associated with the administration of said election upon presentation to the City of a properly approved bill.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the City's November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election may prepare a candidate statement on a form acceptable to the County Registrar, as applicable, and made available through the City Clerk.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to Section 13307(c) of the California Elections Code, the governing body of the City of San Fernando authorizes the preparation of candidate statements for nonpartisan elective office for the purpose of electronic distribution. Candidates will prepare statements for electronic distribution pursuant to Section 13307(a) of the Elections Code. A statement prepared pursuant to this subdivision shall be posted on the internet website of the County Elections Official. Candidates shall provide payment of the requisite fee to cover the duties and procedures set forth in Sections 13307(b) and (d) of the Elections Code. Each candidate for any of the offices to be elected at the General Municipal Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024, who files a candidate statement shall concurrently deposit with the City Clerk an amount, as reasonably estimated by the City Clerk, to pay in advance his or her estimated pro rata share of the actual costs of printing and handling such candidate statements incurred by the City and/or the County Registrar at the time of filing such statement with the City Clerk. In

the event that the amount paid as a deposit by a candidate includes overpayment of actual costs incurred by the City and/or the County Registrar, the City Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within thirty (30) days following the date of the election.

SECTION 8. Pursuant to Section 13307(a)(1) of the Elections Code candidate statements ***may*** include the following:

- (A) The name, age, and occupation of the candidate; and
- (B) A brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications as expressed by the candidate himself or herself.

SECTION 9. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307(a)(1), candidate statements ***shall not*** include the following:

- (A) The party affiliation of the candidate; or
- (B) References to membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

SECTION 10. All prospective candidates should be aware of the holding in *Dean v. Superior Court* (1998) 62 Cal.App.4th 638, which holds that a statement prepared by a candidate for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet ***may not*** include comments or statements concerning the qualifications (or alleged lack of qualifications) of one's opponents. Candidates, in an abundance of caution, should avoid making any reference to opponents in their candidate statements. Candidates should seek the advice of private legal counsel if unsure as to whether their candidate statement does or does not comply with applicable law before filing.

SECTION 11. The candidate statement shall be filed in typewritten form at the Office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The candidate statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

SECTION 12. Subject to any logistical constraints imposed by the County Registrar by virtue of consolidation, the City Clerk shall have translated (from the English to relevant foreign languages authorized under the Voting Rights Act of 1965) and printed in the voters' pamphlet only the candidate statements of those candidates who request such translation and printing at the time of filing of the candidate statements.

SECTION 13. No candidate for any elected office of the City shall be permitted to include additional materials in the voters' pamphlet and sample ballot package.

SECTION 14. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate or candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time nominating petitions are issued.

SECTION 15. The ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 16. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to coordinate with the County Registrar to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

SECTION 17. The polls for the election shall be open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until eight o'clock (8:00) p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10242, except as provided in Section 14401 of the Elections Code.

SECTION 18. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 19. In the event of a tie vote (if any two or more persons receive an equal and the highest number of votes for an office) as certified by the County Registrar, the City Council, in accordance with Elections Code Section 15651(a), shall set a date and time and place and summon the candidates who have received the tie votes to appear and will determine the tie by lot (i.e., coin toss, draw straws, drawing of names).

SECTION 20. The City Clerk shall forward without delay, a copy of this Resolution to the appropriate public agency which shall be assisting the City with the conduct of its General Municipal Election.

SECTION 21. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of July, 2024.

Celeste T. Rodriguez, Mayor of the City of
San Fernando, California

ATTEST:

Julia Fritz, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Julia Fritz, City Clerk of the City of San Fernando, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 8314 which was approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 1st day of July, 2024, by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES: Garcia, Solorio, Mendoza, Rodriguez - 4

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Fajardo - 1

ABSTAINED: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Fernando, California, this _____ day of July 2024.

Julia Fritz, City Clerk