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Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 7/17/2018

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Action on Certification of the Final Results of the Special Municipal Election Held on June 5, 2018

BACKGROUND

The Santa Clara City Council submitted a ballot measure to the voters during a Special Municipal Election to be held on June 5, 2018 following its review of the Charter Review Committee's unanimous recommendations on how to update the manner in which local elections are conducted, and approved the City Attorney's proposed ballot language. Measure A was placed on the June ballot following extensive community input through two committees (the Charter Review Committee and the Ad Hoc Advisory Districting Committee) composed of volunteer city residents, who received input from hundreds of residents through the City's 16 public hearings and online platforms.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 15400, the City Council should now accept the Statement of Votes and Certificate of Election Results and declare the totals to be the final results of the election, as submitted by the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters (attached).

DISCUSSION

A Special Municipal Election was held in the City of Santa Clara in consolidation with the General Primary Election on June 5, 2018 and the following Measure was submitted to the voters:

MEASURE A DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS/VOTING METHOD. Shall the City Charter be amended: to establish two districts starting in 2018 to be represented by three council members each; and when available, use ranked choice voting to allow voters to select candidates in order of choice to determine the winners of elections of all city elected officers?	YES	
	NO	

A summary of the canvass for Measure A is below:

Eligible Registered Voters	48,712
Total Ballots Cast	16,384
Voter Turnout	33.6%
Yes	9,169
No	10,023

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative and staff time.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the City Attorney’s Office.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City’s official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City’s website and in the City Clerk’s Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk’s Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov <<mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>> or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution reciting the fact of the Special Municipal Election held on June 5, 2018 regarding a proposed City Charter amendment to establish district Council elections and the voting method (Measure A).

Reviewed by: Jennifer Yamaguma, Acting City Clerk

Approved by: Deanna J. Santana, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution