



Legislation Text

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Adopt City Council Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the Election of City Councilmembers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities

Registered voters in the City of Fort Bragg elect five members to the City Council to provide oversight and set policy for the operation of the City, its agencies, programs and services. Councilmembers serve a four-year term with elections being conducted on the first Tuesday in November in each even numbered year. City Councilmember terms are staggered and overlap such that in one election year two City Councilmembers are elected and in the next, three members are elected. In November 2020, two seats will be available.

In order to provide an efficient and coordinated election process Countywide, the City of Fort Bragg and each of the other Mendocino County cities "consolidate" their biannual elections with the County. The County will be responsible for establishing precinct boundaries, designating polling places, appointing and paying election officers, verifying signatures appearing on candidate nomination papers, providing sample ballots and receiving absentee and vote by mail ballots, canvassing (counting) the ballots and providing certification of the results of the canvass. The City Clerk will be responsible for furnishing and receiving nomination papers and receiving Candidate's Statements, and publishing a Notice of Election and Notice of Candidates. Costs for conducting the November 2020 election are estimated at \$10,000 and will be shown as a proposed expenditure in the FY 2020-21 budget.

On January 13, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 4221-2020 adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters at an election. The Resolution provides for, among other things, a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications. The resolution also provides that the City of Fort Bragg will pay all costs for printing and translations of candidate statements for all City Council candidates. No change to that Resolution is proposed at this time.

This resolution gives notice that the City will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the election of two Councilmembers. By adopting this resolution, the City is giving official notice to the public of the election process.