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Legislation Text

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Adopt City Council Resolution Requesting that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2020, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on that Date Pursuant to §10403 of the Elections Code and to Render Specified Services to the City Relating to the Conduct of Said Election

The City historically requests that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors authorize the County Clerk to conduct the November election on behalf of the City. By consolidating with the County, the City is providing an efficient process for conduct of the election on a date when voters are typically most likely to participate.

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 3, 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.