



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolutions Calling for and Giving Notice of a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the Election of City Council Representatives for Districts 1 and 2 and Requesting Consolidation with the Statewide General Election to be Held the Same Date

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 26-__ entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the Election of Certain Officers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities.”
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 26-__ entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on the Date Pursuant to § 10403 of the Elections Code.”

BACKGROUND:

The City of Goleta holds a General Municipal Election in even-numbered years. Pursuant to the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, the City of Goleta will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The City's General Municipal Election is held on the day of the Statewide General Election in November of each even-numbered year. The November 3, 2026 election will be the City's third district-based election.

DISCUSSION:

The California Elections Code requires that the City Council adopt the resolutions described in the recommendations to authorize election actions. City staff recommends that the City Council adopt the required resolutions concerning the upcoming November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

The resolutions relating to the election, combined, would: call and give notice of the holding of a General Municipal Election for the election of certain Municipal Officers (Attachment 1), and consolidate the election with the statewide general election (Attachment 2).

The current terms of Councilmember Luz Reyes-Martín and Councilmember James Kyriaco will conclude this election cycle. James Kyriaco was elected to his first four-year term for City Council in November of 2018 and re-elected to represent District 2 in the City's first by-district election in November 2022. Luz Reyes-Martín was elected to represent District 1 in the City's first by-district election in November 2022.

The two district offices to be filled at the November 2026 General Municipal Election in accordance with this system are City Council Districts 1 and 2. Voters in the corresponding district will be asked to vote for one (1) Councilmember to represent District 1 for a full four-year term or one (1) Councilmember to represent District 2 for a full four-year term.

The candidate filing period for the two City Council seats will be July 13, 2026 through August 7, 2026. However, if an incumbent eligible to file does not file nomination documents by the close of the filing period, the nomination period shall be extended for five calendar days for persons other than the incumbent.

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Council to consider adoption of proposed resolutions calling the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election, requesting the Santa Barbara County Board consolidate its elections occurring on the same date. The City's General Municipal Election will be for the purpose of electing two members of the City Council representing District Nos. 1 and 2 for the full term of four years.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The Santa Barbara County Elections office has provided the estimated cost of \$15,700 for the election. Staff have included \$43,000 in the City Clerk Division, Election Costs Account 101-10-1300-54002 for FY 2026-27. Staff will return to the City Council to request an appropriation to cover the additional cost if necessary.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose not to adopt the proposed resolutions, however, doing so would prevent the City from taking the actions necessary to conduct the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election for City Council Districts 1 and 2 in accordance with California Elections Code requirements.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Isaac Rosen, City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 26-__ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the Election of Certain Officers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities"
2. Resolution No. 26-__ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on the Date Pursuant to § 10403 of the Elections Code"

Attachment 1

Resolution No. 26-__ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the Election of Certain Officers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities"

RESOLUTION NO. 26-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a General Municipal Election shall be held on November 3, 2026, for the election of Municipal Officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law Cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Goleta, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing one Member of the City Council representing District 1 and one Member of the City Council representing District 2 for the full term of four years.

SECTION 2. That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to coordinate with the County of Santa Barbara Clerk-Recorder, Assessor, and Registrar of Voters 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 4. That the polling place locations and hours of operations, ballot drop box locations and hours of operations, vote-by-mail procedures and timing, the election officers, and all other persons and procedures for the General Municipal Election shall be the same as those utilized by the County of Santa Barbara and in compliance with the Elections Code of the State of California.

SECTION 5. That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 6. That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 7. That 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 of Santa Barbara Clerk-Recorder, Assessor, and Registrar of Voters, the City Council, in accordance with Elections Code § 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.

SECTION 8. That 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 ___ day of _____ 2026.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

ISAAC ROSEN
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 26-__ was duly adopted by
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the __ day of
_____ 2026, by the following roll call vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

Attachment 2

Resolution No. 26-__ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on the Date Pursuant to § 10403 of the Elections Code"

RESOLUTION NO. 26-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Goleta called a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of the election of one Member of the City Council representing District 1 and one Member of the City Council representing District 2 for the full terms of four years each; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide 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 county election department of the County of Santa Barbara canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the requirements of § 10403 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of the election of one Member of the City Council representing District 1 and one Member of the City Council representing District 2 for full four-year terms.

SECTION 2. That the county election department is authorized to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10418, the election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the Statewide General Election.

SECTION 3. That the Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the county election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

SECTION 4. That the City of Goleta recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs.

SECTION 5. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the county election department of the County of Santa Barbara.

SECTION 6. 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 __ day of _____ 2026.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

ISAAC ROSEN
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

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(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK