Agenda Report

April 6, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE "CERTIFICATE OF THE CANVASS OF THE ELECTION RETURNS" AS PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR THE PASADENA PRIMARY NOMINATING MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATED WITH THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

(1)   Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 21065 and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2)   Adopt a resolution accepting the "Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Returns" (Exhibit A to the resolution) as prepared and certified by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Pasadena Primary Nominating Municipal Election, consolidated with the Presidential Primary Election held on March 3, 2020 declaring:

    (a)   The following persons, receiving a majority of the votes cast, are elected to the following offices:

Tyron Hampton	Member of the City Council, District 1
Felicia Williams	Member of the City Council, District 2
Gene Masuda	Member of the City Council, District 4
Steve Madison	Member of the City Council, District 6

    (b)   In the Mayoral race, no candidate received a majority of the total votes cast, with the following two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the Primary Nominating Municipal Election, and their names shall be placed on the ballot at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020:

Victor M. Gordo	18,586 votes	(46.52%)	Mayor
Terry Tornek	16,607 votes	(41.57%)	Mayor

BACKGROUND:

A Primary Nominating Municipal Election was held in the City of Pasadena on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, for the Office of Mayor and for members of the City Council, Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6. Pasadena City Charter, Section 1204, provides that, "Any person who, at the primary election, shall receive a majority of the total votes cast for candidates for said office shall be elected to such office."

At the Primary Nominating Municipal Election, District 1 candidate Tyron Hampton, District 2 candidate Felicia Williams, District 4 candidate Gene Masuda, and District 6 candidate Steve Madison each received the majority of votes from their districts and were elected as members of the City Council, Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6, respectively.

In the Mayoral race, of four candidates running for this office, no candidate received a majority of the total votes cast. The two candidates with the highest number of votes are Victor M. Gordo (46.52%) and Terry Tornek (41.57%) and, in accordance with Charter Section 1204, only their names shall appear on the General Municipal Election ballot for the Office of Mayor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The final cost of the Pasadena Primary Nominating Municipal Election will be tabulated upon receipt of all invoices, including the election administration invoice to be prepared by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Based on estimates provided the County, as well as known costs incurred by City staff in support of the City's election, sufficient funds are available in the City Clerk's Election budget to cover all costs associated with this election.

There will be a general (run-off) election on November 3, 2020 for Office of Mayor, with the City to be invoiced for its share of election administration expenses to be billed by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. An appropriate funding amount to cover the anticipated costs associated with the November General election will be included in the City Clerk's Fiscal Year 2021 Election budget request.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A – RRCC ELECTION TALLY SUMMARY REPORT

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