

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
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(ID # 5951)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

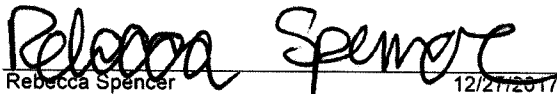
FROM : REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Request for Change in Election Date, City of Riverside;
Districts 1 and 2; [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve City of Riverside's request for election date change.

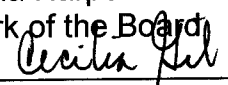
ACTION: Consent


Rebecca Spencer 12/21/2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT
WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Ashley
Date: January 9, 2018
xc: ROV

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	17/18

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The City of Riverside has submitted the attached ordinance requesting the Board of Supervisors' approval to change the jurisdiction's general municipal election date to occur on the same date as the even-year Statewide Elections. California Elections Code § 10403.5 allows jurisdictions to consolidate their general municipal elections for the election of members of the City Council and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe to be held in the City on the same day as the statewide election, consistent with the primary and general election dates set by the State with the Board of Supervisors' approval. The code further stipulates that the Board shall approve such request unless the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capability is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled. The Registrar of Voters can accommodate this change of election date. State law also requires that within 30 days after approval of the ordinance, a notice is to be mailed to all registered voters of the jurisdiction informing them of the change in election date and the terms of officeholders which will be changed. The jurisdiction will be mailing the notification cards to voters at their own cost.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The change in election date to occur on the same date as the even-year Statewide Election would encourage greater voter participation at no additional cost. Registered voters will save a trip to the polling place voting for both this jurisdictions election and the even-year Statewide Election.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT. CITY OF RIVERSIDE ORDINANCE NO. 7396


Nehini Dawika, Principal Management Analyst 1/2/2018

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ORDINANCE NO. 7396

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 1.15 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE IN
ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA VOTER
PARTICIPATION RIGHTS ACT

The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 1.15.040 is added to the Riverside Municipal Code as follows:

**"Section 1.15.040 General municipal elections, compliance with the Voter
Participation Rights Act**

A. On September 1, 2015, the State Legislature adopted the Voter Participation Rights Act, which is codified in Elections Code sections 14050 through 14057, which states that where previous nonconcurrent elections have resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout, local municipal elections are now required to be held on the date of a statewide election. Previous nonconcurrent elections in the City have resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout as defined by Elections Code section 14051. The City's Charter is now in conflict with State law. This section is adopted to bring the City's general municipal election into compliance with the Voter Participation Rights Act.

B. Beginning in 2022, general municipal elections for the election of members of the City Council and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe shall be held in the City on the same day as the statewide election, consistent with the primary and general election dates set by the State.

C. In 2019, an election for Councilmembers to represent Wards 1, 3, 5 and 7 shall be held pursuant to the Charter. Said term shall be for five (5) years with the term expiring with an election held in 2024. Beginning in 2024 and thereafter, the Councilmembers' term shall be for four (4) years and the elections shall be held on the statewide primary and general election dates.

D. In 2021, an election for Councilmembers to represent Wards 2, 4 and 6 shall be held pursuant to the Charter. Said term shall be for five (5) years with the term expiring with an election held in 2026. Beginning in 2026 and thereafter, the Councilmembers' term shall be for four (4) years and the elections shall be held on the statewide primary and general election dates."

Section 3: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its adoption.

WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III
Mayor of the City of Riverside

COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

1 I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the 17th
3 day of October, 2017, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and regularly adopted at a
4 meeting of the City Council on the 7th day of November, 2017, by the following vote, to wit:


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6 Ayes: Councilmembers Gardner, Melendrez, Soubrou, Conder, Mac Arthur,
7 Perry, and Adams

8 Noes: None

9 Absent: None

10 Abstained: None

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12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
13 City of Riverside, California, this 8th day of November, 2017.

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16 COLLEEN J. NICOL
17 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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