

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



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(ID # 6618)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

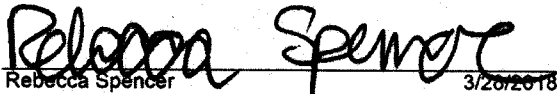
**FROM :** REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

**SUBJECT:** REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Request for Change in Election Date, City of Blythe;  
District 4; [\$2,100].

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

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

**ACTION:** Consent

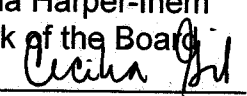
  
Rebecca Spencer 3/26/2018

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: April 10, 2018  
xc: ROV

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 2,100	\$ 0	\$ 2,100	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: City of Blythe</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 18/19</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The City of Blythe 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 General Elections. California Elections Code § 10403.5 allows jurisdictions to consolidate their election with Elections held in November of even numbered years 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 cost of this mailing will be reimbursed by the jurisdiction.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The change in election date to occur on the same date as the even-year General 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 General Election.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**ATTACHMENT A. CITY OF BLYTHE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-002**

  
Rohini Mahto, Principal Management Analyst 4/2/2018

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-002**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ELECTIONS CODE § 1303(B) AND SENATE BILL 415 (2015-2016 REGULAR SESSION), AND REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CONSOLIDATE THE SAME WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 10404.**

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 415 (reg. Sess.), codified at Stats. 2015, ch. 235, enacting Elections Code §§ 14050-14057, which prohibits the holding of an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a non-concurrent date resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout, as defined, and further authorizes voters to enforce this prohibition by filing an action in superior court; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe currently conducts its elections for members of the Governing Body in November of odd-numbered years (eg., November 2017) pursuant to Elections Code § 1303 subdivision (a); and

WHEREAS, voter participation in Riverside County is greater for statewide general elections than for odd-year local elections, including special district governing body member elections; and

WHEREAS, The City believes that rescheduling to even-numbered year elections may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the City's elections; and

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the City that starting with the 2018 elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its governing body members in even-numbered year elections, held in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, the City further recognizes that there may also be a cost savings to the City resulting from aligning the City's elections with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the City desires to change the date of future governing body member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general elections in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code § 1303(b) establishes a procedure whereby the City may change the election date for its governing body members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county, see Election Code § 10404; and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the new election date be moved from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years commencing in 2018 with governing body members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020 and governing body members whose terms would have expired in 2021 being extended to 2022, as required by Elections Code § 10404 (i) (refer to Exhibit A),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The undersigned, constituting a least a majority of the member of the Blythe City Council, do hereby adopt this Resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the City with the state general election in November of even-number years, beginning in 2018 pursuant to Elections Code § 1303 (b).

Section 3. The City shall forward the original copy of this resolution to the Riverside County Elections, who will compile the district resolutions, and will explain the rationale for the resolutions and request formal approval of the change by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolutions have been posted in accordance with law.

Section 4. The City shall pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code § 10401 subdivision (f).

Section 5. If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of the City's next election will be moved to November 2020, and each subsequent governing body member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even-numbered years.

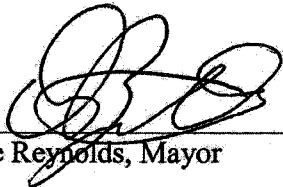
Section 6. If the consolidation of election is approved, the terms of office of current governing body members expiring in November 2019 will be extended to November 2020 and the terms of member expiring in November 2021 will be extended to November 2022 see Exhibit A).

Section 7. In the event that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors declines to authorize consolidation in 2020 on the grounds specified in Election Code § 10404 (e), the Blythe City Council requests that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors authorize such consolidation at the soonest feasible date.


Section 8. The City Manager and/or her designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation as are necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution.

The Foregoing Resolution was adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018 at a regular meeting of the Blythe City Council by the following vote:

**AYES:** Reynolds, Egan, DeConinck, Rodriguez and Halby  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

  
Dale Reynolds, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

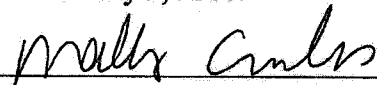
  
Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk for the Blythe City Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was proposed by Council Member DeConinck, seconded by Vice Mayor Egan, and was duly passed and adopted by a majority of the Council Members of the Blythe City Council, at an official and public meeting thereof held on January 9, 2018.

Dated: January 10, 2018

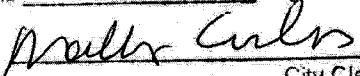
Signed:  , City Clerk

County of Riverside }  
State of California } SS

I Mallory Crecelius City Clerk of the City of Blythe, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_  
of Resolution No. 2018-002 The original of which is on file  
Minute Excerpts 1/9/18 in my office

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I herewith set by hand and affix the  
official Seal of the City of Blythe on this 2nd day of  
March, 2018

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy