

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: July 12, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Britt Avrit, CMC, City Clerk

Subject: **Consideration of adoption of Ordinance No. 1014**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Ordinance No. 1014**, authorizing a Special All Mail Ballot Election to be conducted on October 11, 2016, and establishing procedures, rules and regulations therefor.

Fiscal Impact: The estimated cost for the election is \$190,000.

Background:

The Constitution of the State of California authorizes charter cities to make and enforce all ordinances and regulations in respect to municipal affairs and may provide for, among other things, the conduct of city elections. Additionally, Section 102 of the City of Lancaster’s Charter states that the City may “adopt ordinances establishing procedures, rules or regulations concerning City of Lancaster elections and public officials including but not limited to, the qualifications and compensation of elected officials the method, time and requirements to hold elections, to fill vacant offices and for voting by mail.”

This Ordinance provides that the City may conduct a Special All Mail Ballot Election on October 11, 2016. This Ordinance further provides that once the election is called, it shall be conducted pursuant to the rules, procedures and regulations established by state law, including, without limitation, the mail ballot provisions of the Elections Code (Cal. Elect. Code § 4000 *et seq.*). If adopted, this Ordinance will take effect immediately pursuant to Section 36937 of the Government Code. The proposed Special All Mail Ballot Election is for the purpose of seeking voter consent to authorize the City Council to establish a parcel tax to raise funds for law enforcement and homeless services.

At the July 6, 2016 Special City Council meeting, the City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 1014 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Vice Mayor Crist, Mayor Parris
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Attachment:
Ordinance No. 1014