

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster, California**

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Date: November 13, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: Geri K. Bryan, CMC, City Clerk

Subject: **General Municipal Election – April 8, 2008**

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**Recommendation:**

- a. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-189**, calling and giving notice of the holding of a General Municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 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. 07-190**, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to render specified services to the City related to the conduct of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.
- c. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-191**, adopting regulations for candidates for elective office, pertaining to filing fees and candidate statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.
- d. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-192**, providing for the conduct of a special runoff election for elective offices in the event of a tie vote at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.
- e. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-193**, ordering the submission of an “Advisory Measure” to the qualified electors of the City, relating to the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 as called for in Resolution No. 07-189.
- f. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-194**, setting priorities for filing written arguments regarding the City “Advisory Measures” and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis.
- g. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-195**, providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for City Measures submitted at Municipal Elections.

## **Background:**

Resolution No. 07-189, stipulates that in accordance with Election Code 1301 and Government Code 36503, the General Municipal Election of the City of Lancaster will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, for the purpose of filling a Mayoral seat for a full two-year term and two Council Member seats for the term of four years.

Resolution No. 07-190, specifies the need for the County of Los Angeles to provide voter registration information and certain supplies for the polling locations, pursuant to Elections Code 10002.

Resolution No. 07-191, outlines the guidelines and cost of the candidate statements pursuant to Elections Code 13307. This is also in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act providing for language translation as identified by the City Clerk. Candidates have the option for a candidate statement of not more than 400 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. All candidates filing nomination papers according to Election Code 10228 and the Lancaster Municipal Code require a filing fee of \$25.00

Resolution No. 07-192, is in compliance with Elections Code 15651 (b) requiring adoption of provisions to conduct a special runoff election to resolve a tie vote. This applies only to the April 8, 2008 election.

Resolution No. 07-193, orders the submission of measures to the qualified electors of the City, relating to a General Municipal Election.

Resolution No. 07-194, is in compliance with Elections Code 9280 setting priorities for filing written arguments regarding the City measures and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis.

Resolution No. 07-195, is in compliance with Elections Code 9281 providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for measures submitted at Municipal Elections.

The resolutions referenced above, fulfill certain legal requirements to conduct the General Municipal Election.

The filing period for the April 8, 2008 election will open **Monday, December 17, 2007** and will close at 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, January 11, 2008**. According to Elections Code 10225, if any incumbents for a specific office fail to file by the close of the workday on January 11, 2008, the filing period will be extended (5) five calendar days for that specific office, for **non-incumbents only**, thus closing Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at the close of the workday – 6 p.m.