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DATE OF ELECTION: Tuesday, April 09, 2024 All Mail Ballot Election

POSITIONS FOR ELECTION

Mayor At Large:

R. Rex Parris

City Council Two At-Large (2) seats:

Lauren Hughes-Leslie
Kenneth Mann

TERM OF OFFICE

Four-year terms -- Beginning April 2024 and ending April 2028

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

All candidates must be 18 years of age, a Citizen of the United States, and a registered voter residing within the city limits at the time nomination papers are issued.

NOMINATION PERIOD

Opens: Monday, December 18, 2023

Holidays: City Hall will be closed on December 25-26; **January 1-2, 2024***

Closes: Friday, January 12, 2024 unless an incumbent does not file, then the period is extended to Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

NOMINATION PAPERS AND / OR CANDIDATE'S HANDBOOKS:

Will be available on the first day of the nomination period, Monday, December 18th. "Pulling" nomination papers will take approximately 45 minutes, **so an appointment is requested.**

Please make an appointment with the City Clerk's Office at (661.723.6020)

City Clerk's Office hours are: Monday through Thursday 8:00- 5:00 pm; Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

COST

There is no cost to be issued nomination papers, receive a Candidate's Handbook, which is provided free to all persons considering becoming a candidate; there is a \$25 fee to file nomination papers.

If a candidate chooses to submit a candidates statement, there is a fee of \$2,200 (English only) and \$4,400 for both English and Spanish to cover the printing and distribution of that statement in the sample ballot.

MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED BEGINNING MARCH 11TH

By law, Vote-by-Mail ballots cannot be mailed out earlier than Monday, March 11th. Ballots received up to the Friday following the election (April 12th) that are postmarked on or before election day will be counted as part of the Official Canvass.

CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All candidates must file all forms required by the Political Reform Act.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) provides free, expert advice:

Toll-free advice line:	1 (866) ASK-FPPC (866-275-3772) 1 (866) 275-3772 Tel advice, M-Th, 9:00am - 11:30am
Email:	advice@fppc.ca.gov
Web:	www.fppc.ca.gov

All campaign forms and most manuals and instructions are available on the FPPC website.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm. Special or Adjourned City Council meetings may be held as needed.

REGISTERED VOTERS

Lancaster has 91,379 Registered Voters as of October 10, 2023, according to the County Registrar of Voters.

Last Day to Register to Vote

The last day to register to vote in this election is Monday, March 25th, 2024.

****Amendment to dates highlighted in red.***