

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 29

**SUBJECT: CONTINUED ITEM FROM MAY 2, 2023 (20):
RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY
OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS (DISTRICT: 4)**

OVERVIEW

On May 2, 2023 (20), the Board of Supervisors continued the item to May 23, 2023.

On March 30, 2023, the Board of Supervisors was notified that Fourth District Supervisor Nathan Fletcher resigned from his office effective May 15, 2023. The San Diego County Charter gives the Board of Supervisors the authority and responsibility to take action to fill the vacant position within thirty days either by appointment, by appointment until a special election, or by calling a special election. On May 2, 2023 (20), the Board considered the options and directed the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board with a resolution that calls for a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. If no candidate receives a majority vote at that election, then a Special General Election would be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Board also chose to conduct both the special primary election and the special general election utilizing the Vote Center model.

The elected Supervisor would serve the remainder of the unexpired term, with the term ending at 12 noon on Monday, January 4, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt the resolution that calls for a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. If no candidate receives a majority vote at that election, then a Special General Election would be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include \$5.2 million in the Registrar of Voters for the Special Election and Special General Election in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan via the CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter, funding will be based on General Purpose Revenue.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed action seeks to begin the process for filling the vacancy of the Fourth District Supervisor through a Special Election. A person's vote can influence policy and who represents them in government, which in turn impacts their environment, health, and quality of life. The Registrar of Voters' conduct of fair, accurate, and transparent elections allow all eligible citizens to have a part in matters that affect them.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

A person's vote has a direct influence on the sustainability of their neighborhood, community, and local region. By voting, San Diego residents have a direct impact on their health, equity, the economy and environment. With the County's implementation of the vote center model, all active registered voters receive a ballot in the mail as required by current law. This increases accessibility by providing voters with the opportunity to consider the method that is most convenient for them to return their ballot and has the possibility of reducing vehicle miles traveled to cast their vote. In addition, voters have the option of receiving their voter information guides electronically to reduce paper waste. The recommended action today aligns with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the costs for the special election will range from \$2.1 million to \$2.6 million per election. If approved, this request will result in an additional estimated costs of \$4.2 million to \$5.2 million in Fiscal Year 2023-24 if both a primary and general election are required. Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Registrar of Voters. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenues of \$5,200,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The funding source will be the redirection of General Purpose Revenue (GPR) included in the Recommended Operational Plan for Board Security and unanticipated expenditures. There will be no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 23-041, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SEAT.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

State of California)

County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed

by Andrew Potter

