

ORDINANCE NO. _____ (NEW SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ENTITLED, “A TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE, MODERN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.”

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to California Constitution, Art. XI, sections 3(a) and 3(b) and Articles 2 and 3 (commencing at section 23720) of Chapter 5, Division 1, Title 3 of the Government Code, a special election is hereby called to be consolidated with the statewide general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the eligible registered voters of the County of San Diego the following proposition amending the Charter of the County of San Diego:

Shall the San Diego County Charter be amended to establish an Independent Ethics Commission, Independent Budget Analyst, Independent Program Auditor, confirmation of certain senior County leaders, and optional Board of Supervisors appointment of the Public Defender; increase term limits from two to three terms for the Board of Supervisors members; require public disclosure of spending and performance data; clarify non-interference provisions; and update terminology and structure?	YES	
	NO	

The complete text of the proposed amendments to the San Diego County Charter is set forth in a Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 21, 2026, and will be mailed to each qualified elector in the County of San Diego by the Registrar of Voters not more than 40 nor less than 21 days prior to November 3, 2026, pursuant to Elections Code section 13303.

Section 2. Pursuant to Part 3 (commencing at section 10400) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the special election to amend the San Diego County Charter to be held in the County of San Diego on November 3, 2026 shall be and is hereby ordered consolidated with the statewide general election to be held on said date.

Section 3. Within the County of San Diego, the election precincts, polling places therein and precinct board members and election officers for each such precinct for the special election hereby called shall be the same as those provided for the statewide general election to be held November 3, 2026 and said election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election and one form of ballot, namely the form of ballot used at such statewide general election shall be used.

Section 4. For the purposes of such consolidation, the proposition (which may be abbreviated on the ballot pursuant to Elections Code section 13247) shall appear on the ballot substantially as set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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