



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JULY 8, 2014  
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE      WARDS: ALL  
SUBJECT: CALL NOVEMBER 4, 2014, SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION –  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVES

**ISSUE:**

On June 24, 2014, the City Council accepted the report of the City Clerk declaring sufficiency of the initiative petition for the Citizens' Initiative for the Permanent Preservation of La Sierra Hills and Restricted Development of La Sierra Lands and ordered a special election be held November 4, 2014.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution calling the Special Municipal Election to be held November 4, 2014, for a measure entitled, "An Initiative Measure to Amend Proposition R, Measure C, the City of Riverside's General Plan 2025 and Title 19 (Zoning) of the Riverside Municipal Code, and Repeal the Rancho La Sierra Specific Plan to Permanently Preserve the La Sierra Hills as Open Space and Allow Restricted Residential Development on the La Sierra Lands", and consenting to the Registrar of Voters rendering election services to the City as requested by the City Clerk with the County of Riverside to be reimbursed in full for the services; and
2. Authorize a supplemental appropriation from General Fund reserves in the amount of \$75,000 to the City Clerk Election Services Professional Services Account No. 1205000-421000.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 24, 2014, the City Council accepted the report of the City Clerk declaring sufficiency of the initiative petition for the Citizens' Initiative for the Permanent Preservation of La Sierra Hills and Restricted Development of La Sierra Lands. The City Council also ordered an election be held for the measure. In accordance with the election calendar developed to meet the requirements of the Elections Code, now is the appropriate time for the City Council to call the Special Municipal Election for November 4, 2014, to submit to the voters for consideration the measure entitled, "An Initiative Measure to Amend Proposition R, Measure C, the City of Riverside's General Plan 2025 and Title 19 (Zoning) of the Riverside Municipal Code, and Repeal

the Rancho La Sierra Specific Plan to Permanently Preserve the La Sierra Hills as Open Space and Allow Restricted Residential Development on the La Sierra Lands” and to consent to the Registrar of Voters rendering election services to the City as requested by the City Clerk with the County of Riverside to be reimbursed in full for such services.

Pursuant to Section 9282 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the persons filing an initiative petition pursuant to this article may file a written argument in favor of the ordinance, and the legislative body may submit an argument against the ordinance. No argument shall exceed 300 words in length.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The estimated cost to place the ballot measure on the November ballot is \$75,000.

The projected June 30, 2014, General Fund reserve balance as of the April 30, 2014 Monthly Financial Report was \$36,081,343, which may change based on the final operating results of the fiscal year to be reported following the completion of the annual audit. As a result of the action proposed in this report, the projected June 30, 2015, reserve balance would be reduced from \$36,081,343 to \$36,006,343. The actual reserve balance as of June 30, 2015, will also be impacted by the operational results of the current fiscal year, as well as any future appropriations made by the City Council from the General Fund reserves during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

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Attachment:  
1. Resolution