



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: Election Results of the General Municipal Election held on November 2, 2004

DATE: November 30, 2004

FROM: City Clerk's Office

PRESENTATION BY: Julie Folcik, Deputy City Clerk

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Folcik, (714) 754-5221

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt Resolution: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004; DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.
2. Swearing in of newly elected City Council Members by Deputy City Clerk.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Costa Mesa Municipal Code Section 2-14, the City's general municipal elections are held in November of even-numbered years, concurrent with the statewide elections. Three council member seats, each serving a full term of four years, were available in the November General Municipal election, held November 2, 2004.

As authorized by Resolution No. 04-36, the election was consolidated with the Orange County Registrar of Voters, who conducted the elections and provided such services that included, in part, the printing of the sample ballots, coordinating of the precinct boards and polling locations, issuing of absentee ballots, processing and counting of the returned ballots, absentee and provisional ballots. The results of that election were certified by the Board of Supervisors on November 29, 2004 and their certification of the results and Statement of Votes are attached to the resolution as "Exhibit A".

The nomination period for qualified candidates was from July 12, 2004, through August 6, 2004. Upon certification of the nomination papers returned, twelve (12) candidates qualified. The following is a list of the qualified candidates as their names appeared on the ballot and in ballot order:

BRUCE GARLICH, LINDA DIXON, KATRINA FOLEY, TERRY SHAW, MIKE SCHEAFER, CHRIS STEEL, MICHAEL (MIKE) CLIFFORD, SAM CLARK, RICHARD (DICK) CARROLL, KARL H. AHLF, ERIC BEVER, and MIRNA BURCIAGA.

ANALYSIS:

The total voter registration in Costa Mesa is 55,570 voters. The number of votes cast in early voting and through absentee ballots was 13,100 and the total number of votes cast at the 64 precinct locations on Election Day was 26,092. Therefore the total of the votes cast in the November 2, 2004 General Municipal Election was 39,192 votes or that of a 70.5 percent voter turnout.

The final results of the votes cast for each candidate is listed in the attached resolution and reflect the top three candidates to succeed to the City Council, having received the most votes, as: Katrina Foley, Linda Dixon, and Eric Bever.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

No alternatives have been considered, as it is a State Code requirement that the results, certified by the Board of the Supervisors, also be certified by the City Council.

FISCAL REVIEW:

No fiscal review was required for the declaration of results.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal has reviewed the resolution and approved it as to form.

CONCLUSION:

The election was held and conducted as required by law and the results have been determined. It is requested that the City Council adopt the attached resolution certifying the results of the election, followed by the swearing into office of the newly elected City Council Members, by the Deputy City Clerk.

JULIE FOLICK
Deputy City Clerk

ALLAN ROEDER
City Manager

KIMBERLY HALL-BARLOW
City Attorney

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Resolution Declaring the Results of the General Municipal Election Held November 2, 2004](#)

Election Results Resolution for 2004

November 30, 2004

5:00 P.M.