

RESOLUTION NO. 21-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021, FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND TO REQUEST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER FULL SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF AN ALL-MAIL BALLOT SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, the City Clerk of the City of Carson (“City”), a charter city, certified the results of the City election that established Lula Davis-Holmes as Mayor of the City, and the new Mayor was sworn in on that date; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor had previously held the office of Councilmember for a term ending November 2022, but because Mayor must now serve the duties of Mayor of the City, that seat has been vacated and now needs to be filled; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Charter under Section 306(B) provides that if no appointment is made to fill the vacancy by a majority of the remaining members of the City Council within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the vacancy, a special election must be called pursuant to all applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, because the City Council did not fill the vacancy of the seat (“Vacated Seat”) previously held by the Mayor by appointment within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the vacancy, a special election must be called pursuant to all applicable laws, and in accordance therewith, an all-mail ballot Special Municipal Election shall be held on August 31, 2021, for the election of a council member for the remainder of the term applicable to the Vacated Seat.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, FIND, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California and the City’s charter, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Carson, California, on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, an all-mail Special Municipal Election for the purpose of electing one (1) member of the City Council for the remainder of the term applicable to the Vacated Seat, in City’s District No. 4.

SECTION 3. The ballots to be used at the all-mail ballot election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 4. The City’s designated elections official is authorized, instructed and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to California Elections Code §10242, the polls for the election shall be open at seven o'clock a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until eight o'clock p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, except as otherwise provided in Elections Code §14401.

SECTION 6. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby given and the City's designated elections official is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to the provisions of §10002 of the Elections Code, the City Council requests the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to render full election services to the City of Carson. The full election services which the City of Carson requests the Registrar of Voters, or such other official as may be appropriate, to perform, and which such official is hereby authorized and directed to perform, if said Board of Supervisors consents, include: the preparation, printing and mailing of sample ballots; making such publications as are required by law in connection therewith; the preparation, printing, mailing and furnishing of vote-by-mail ballots and other necessary supplies or materials to conduct the all-mail ballot election; the canvassing of the returns of the election and the furnishing of the results of such canvassing to the Elections Official of the City of Carson; and the performance of such other election services as may be requested by the Elections Official.

SECTION 8. The Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters is authorized to canvass the returns of the Special Municipal Election.

SECTION 9. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to take any and all necessary steps for the holding of this election.

SECTION 10. The City of Carson recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by Los Angeles County by reason of this election and agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County for any and all reasonable and actual election expenses upon presentation of a properly submitted bill.

SECTION 11. The designated elections official is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 12. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

SECTION 13. The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to administer said election in accordance with all applicable law.

[signatures on the following page]

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2021

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CARSON)

I, Donesia Gause-Aldana , City Clerk of the City of Carson, California hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 21-_____ adopted by the Carson City Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of March, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk