

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERNON, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 14, 2020, DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election was held and conducted in the City of Vernon, California, on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 1201, the election was conducted entirely by vote-by-mail ballot pursuant to Section 4000, et seq., of the Elections Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, notice of the election was given in time, form and manner as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, an election officer was appointed, vote-by-mail ballots were properly sent to all registered voters, and in all respects the election was held and conducted, the votes were cast, received and canvassed, and the returns were made and declared in the time, form and manner required by the City Charter and the Elections Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk canvassed the returns of the election and has certified the results to the City Council, which certification and results are received, attached and made a part hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERNON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Vernon hereby finds and determines that the above recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2: The City Council of the City of Vernon finds

that this action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environmental, and therefore does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

SECTION 3: Two (2) voting precincts were established for the purpose of holding said Election, consisting of the regular election precincts in the City as established for the holding of State and County elections.

SECTION 4: The whole number of vote-by-mail voter ballots legally cast in the City for the General Municipal Election held on April 14, 2020, was sixty-six (66), with one (1) provisional ballot cast.

SECTION 5: The City Clerk canvassed the returns of the election and certified the results to the City Council, which certification and results are received and accepted, attached and made a part hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 6: The names of the persons voted for at the General Municipal Election for the office of member of the City Council, in order as they appeared on the official ballot, are as follows:

Diana Morales Gonzales

Judith Merlo (Qualified Write-in Candidate)

SECTION 7: The following are declared to be the results of said General Municipal Election for the office of member of the City Council:

Diana Morales Gonzales 47 votes

Judith Merlo 19 votes

Section 8: The City Council of the City of Vernon hereby declares that Diana Morales Gonzales, was elected as member of the City Council for the full term of five (5) years.

SECTION 9: The City Clerk shall immediately make and deliver to the person so elected a Certificate of Election signed by the City Clerk and authenticated.

SECTION 10: The City Clerk shall also administer to the person elected the Oath of Office prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California and shall have him or her subscribe to it and file it in the Office of the City Clerk. The person so elected shall then be inducted into the respective office to which he or she has been elected.

SECTION 11: The measures voted upon (Measures U and V) at the April 14, 2020, General Municipal Election were as follows:

<u>MEASURE U:</u>		
Shall Chapters 3.5 and 3.6 of Article III of the Vernon City Charter be amended to change the process for selecting the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore from one by which the other Council Members vote to one by which Council Members are appointed according to an automatic rotation schedule based on year of election?	YES	51
	NO	14

MEASURE V:

To maintain and improve city services including safety, infrastructure, streets and housing, shall the ordinance to increase the sales tax by three-quarter of one percent, providing up to \$6 million annually, be adopted?

YES

47

NO

18

SECTION 12: The City Council does declare and determine that, as a result of the General Municipal Election, a simple majority of the voters voting on Measure U and Measure V did vote in favor of the measures, and the measures were carried, and shall be deemed approved and adopted.

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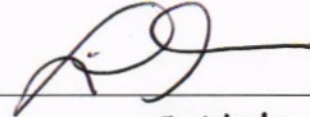
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SECTION 13: The City Clerk of the City of Vernon shall certify to the passage, approval and adoption of this resolution, and the City Clerk of the City of Vernon shall cause this resolution and the City Clerk's certification to be entered in the File of Resolutions of the Council of this City.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2020.



Name: Leticia Lopez

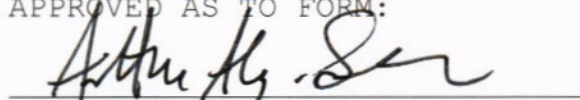
Title: ~~Mayor~~ Mayor ~~Pro Tem~~

ATTEST:



Lisa Pope, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman,
Interim City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, Lisa Pope, City Clerk of the City of Vernon, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 2020-10, was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Vernon at a regular meeting of the City Council duly held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, and thereafter was duly signed by the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Vernon.

Executed this 26th day of May, 2020, at Vernon, California.

Lisa Pope
Lisa Pope, City Clerk

(SEAL)



EXHIBIT A



**CITY OF VERNON
 APRIL 14, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
 CERTIFICATION OF CANVASS**

I, Lisa Pope, City Clerk of the City of Vernon, California, do hereby certify that I have canvassed the returns of the General Municipal Election held on April 14, 2020, and find that the number of votes cast were as follows:

TO ELECT ONE COUNCIL MEMBER	1 st Count April 14, 2020	2 nd Count April 20, 2020	Total
Diana Morales Gonzales	44	3	47
Write-In Judith Merlo	19	0	19
Total Votes	63	3	66

BALLOT MEASURES		1 st Count April 14, 2020	2 nd Count April 20, 2020	Total
Measure U – Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem Selection Process	YES	50	1	51
	NO	12	2	14
Measure V – Sales Tax Measure	YES	45	2	47
	NO	17	1	18

VOTER TURNOUT	
Registered Voters	101
Voter Turnout	66%

These results are **official** and reflect all ballots received.

The results will be certified and the new Council Member sworn in at the Regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

**Lisa Pope, City Clerk
 April 20, 2020**

STAFF REPORT

City Council Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. COV-157-2020
Submitted by: Lisa Pope
Submitting Department: City Clerk
Meeting Date: April 21, 2020

SUBJECT

Results of the City of Vernon April 14, 2020 General Municipal Election

Recommendation:

- A. Find that the approval of the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and therefore does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378; and
- B. Adopt a Resolution reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held on April 14, 2020, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law.

Background:

On December 3, 2019 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-53 calling the general election on April 14, 2020, conducted by all-mail ballot for the purpose of electing one Council Member and to vote on two ballot measures:

Measure U - a Charter amendment regarding selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem; and
Measure V - a sales tax measure.

At the close of the nomination period, one individual qualified as a candidate to appear on the ballot for City Council Member: Diana Morales Gonzales. As of the close of the write-in nomination period, one individual qualified as a write-in candidate for City Council Member: Judith Merlo.

As of election day, the City had a total of 101 voters, to whom ballots were issued. A total of 64 ballots were returned.

On April 14, 2020 the General Municipal Election was held in conformance with the City Charter, Vernon Municipal Code, California Elections Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act. Ballots received as of close of polls on Election Day were canvassed Election Night. A second canvass of ballots postmarked by April 14, 2020, and received by April 17, 2020, will be conducted on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10263, the City Council must adopt a resolution reciting the facts of the election. The Certificate of Canvass attached to the resolution declaring the results of the election provides details of the results including the total votes cast for each candidate. The results will be updated and provided for Council approval at its meeting on April 21, 2020.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Attachments:

1. Resolution - General Municipal Election Results

OATH OR AFFIRMATION
OF ALLEGIANCE
FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) SS.
City of Vernon)

The Execution of this Oath is Required by Article XX, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of California.

I, Diana M. Gonzales , do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of April, 2020



John Pope

Signature of Officer Administering Oath

City Clerk

Title of Officer Administering Oath

Diana M. Gonzales

Signature of Person Taking Oath