

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 5/13/2020

Staff Report No. 20-176

TO: AC Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary
SUBJECT: Consolidation of General District Election

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider adoption of Resolution No. 20-024 giving notice of the General District Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the election of three (3) Directors, requesting consolidation of said election with the General State Election to be held on the same date, and specifications of the election order.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:

There is no strategic importance associated with this report.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost to conduct this election in Alameda County is between \$4,151,920 to \$6,227,880 (\$4 to \$6 per voter, per contest), and approximately \$100,000 to conduct the election in Contra Costa County. Actual costs could be considerably less if one or more seats are uncontested. However, there is always the risk that costs could be higher than the amount budgeted. Election costs are now amortized over the four-year term of the elected directors which reduces the swing of this expense from year to year and allows for more predictable budgeting. If costs of an election are particularly high staff may need to add additional funds to the budget during the mid-year budget review process.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

State law requires a General District Election to be held to choose a successor for each elective officer whose term will expire on the first Friday of December in even numbered years. There are three seats on the District's Board of Directors subject to election in 2020: Wards 1, 2 and one At-large. The attached resolution requests and consents to consolidation of the General District Election with the Statewide General Election on November 3, 2020, and related actions.

In accordance with state law, a General District Election is required to be held to choose a Successor for each elective officer whose term will expire on the first Friday of December in even numbered years. The District's General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020. At this election, three (3) Directors are to be elected to the following seats:

Director Ward 1 Incumbent: Joe Wallace, 4-year term

Director Ward 2 Incumbent: Greg Harper, 4-year term

Director At-Large Incumbent: H. E. Christian Peeples, 4-year term

ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:

There are no advantages or disadvantages associated with this report as the District has a statutory requirement to hold a General District Election to choose a successor for its elective officers.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:

There are no practical alternatives to the course of action outlined in this report.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 20-024 - Consolidation of General District Elections

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