

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE
NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-082 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW."

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On November 5, 2024, a General Municipal Election was held in the City of Palm Desert to elect three members of the City Council—one each from Districts 1, 2, and 3—and to consider Measure G, which proposes implementing a 1% General Transactions and Use Tax (Sales Tax). The Riverside County Registrar of Voters conducted the election and subsequently provided a complete canvass and certification of the results. A copy of the certified election results is included as Attachment 1.

The election results are summarized as follows:

City Council Election Results – District 1

- Candidates (in ballot order):
 - Karina Quintanilla – *1,704 votes, 53.10%*
 - Chris Scott – *1,505 votes, 46.90%*

City Council Election Results – District 2

- Candidates (in ballot order):
 - Gregg Akkerman – *1,144 votes, 22.68%*
 - Joe Pradetto – *2,227 votes, 44.15%*
 - Kathleen Kelly – *1,673 votes, 33.17%*

City Council Election Results – District 3

- Candidates (in ballot order):
 - Stephen Nelson – *1,481 votes, 27.86%*
 - Gina Nestande – *2,034 votes, 38.26%*
 - Anyse Smith – *1,801 votes, 33.88%*

In accordance with state law, the City Council is required to officially declare the results of the November 5, 2024, election, as certified by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters. The attached Resolution formally confirms the election of the following individuals to the City Council, each for a full four-year term ending in December 2028:

- **District 1:** Karina Quintanilla
- **District 2:** Joe Pradetto
- **District 3:** Gina Nestande

Measure G—1% General Transactions and Use Tax (Sales Tax)

The following question, designated as Measure G, was presented to registered Palm Desert voters in the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election:

PALM DESERT PUBLIC SAFETY, ROADS, CITY SERVICES MEASURE	
To maintain Palm Desert's long-term finances, City services such as 9-1-1 emergency medical/police/fire response, fire protection, response to property crime/thefts, keeping public areas safe/clean, maintaining streets, roads, parks, youth/senior programs; retain/attract local businesses; and for general government use, shall the measure establishing a 1¢ sales tax generating approximately \$25,000,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring public spending disclosure, funds controlled locally, be adopted?	Yes
	No

- **Votes Received:**
 - **Yes:** 16,342 votes, 65.52%
 - **No:** 8,599 votes, 34.48%

The vote requirement for Measure G to pass was a simple majority (50%+1) of the votes cast. With the number of votes in support of Measure G reaching 65.52%, the measure passes, and Ordinance No. 1424 will go into effect as provided by law.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City Clerk's Office has not yet received the invoice for the consolidated election costs from the County of Riverside. However, the Registrar of Voters previously estimated the election costs at approximately \$133,000. Sufficient funds were allocated for this expense in the adopted Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2024-082 and Exhibit A—Certified Election Results
2. Ordinance No. 1424