

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa called a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting a proposed ordinance to the voters of the City of Costa Mesa for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa is submitting to the voters of the City of Costa Mesa a question relating to the adoption of a proposed ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and that within the city the precincts, vote centers, and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Orange County Registrar of Voters canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the requirements of Section 10403 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Costa Mesa a question relating to the adoption of a proposed ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the following measure is to appear on the ballot as follows:

Measure __: The Costa Mesa Fair Business License Reform, Small Business Protection Measure	Response	Vote
Without taxing residents, shall the measure be adopted, updating Costa Mesa's 41-year-old business license tax, ensuring large businesses pay their proportionate share and helping fund general city services including keeping public areas safe/clean; preventing crime/burglaries; addressing homelessness; maintaining Costa Mesa's financial stability; revising the tax rate to 50¢ per \$1,000 gross receipts, with no increase for small businesses; generating approximately \$5,600,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring audits, spending disclosure, funds locally controlled?	Yes	
	No	

SECTION 3. That the proposed complete text of the ordinance to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4. That the vote requirement for the measures to pass is a majority (50% +1) of the votes cast.

SECTION 5. That the Orange County Registrar of Voters is authorized to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide election.

SECTION 6. That the Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the county election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

SECTION 7. That the City of Costa Mesa recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs for services upon the presentation of a properly submitted bill.

SECTION 8. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County election department of the County of Orange.

SECTION 9. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2020.

John Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brenda Green, City Clerk

Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that foregoing Resolution No. 2026-XX was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of July, 2026, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 22nd day of July, 2026.

BRENDA GREEN, CITY CLERK