

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

WHEREAS, under the provision of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a General Municipal Election shall be held on November 3, 2026, for the election of Municipal Officers; and

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 the laws of the State of California relating to General Law Cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Costa Mesa, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the full term of two years; and for the election of members of the City Council to represent the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Districts, for the full term of four years.

SECTION 2. That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in the form and content as required by law.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to coordinate with the County of Orange Registrar of Voters 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 4. That the vote centers for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 p.m. of the same day when said vote centers shall be closed, pursuant to Elections Code Section 14212, except as provided in Sections 4005 and 14401 of the Elections Code of the State of California; and the vote centers shall be open any other dates and times as specified by the Orange County Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 5. That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, said election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 6. That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form, and manner required by law.

SECTION 7. That in the event of a tie vote (if any two or more persons receive an equal and the highest number of votes for an office) as certified by the County of Orange Registrar of Voters, the City Council, in accordance with Elections Code Section 15651(a), shall set a date

and time and place and summon the candidates who have received the tie votes to appear and will determine the tie by lot.

SECTION 8. The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to administer said election and all reasonable and actual election expenses shall be paid by the City upon presentation of a properly submitted bill.

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, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2026.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brenda Green, City Clerk, Elections Official

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 2nd day of June, 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 3rd day of June, 2026.

BRENDA GREEN, CITY CLERK, ELECTIONS OFFICIAL