

NOTICE AND CALL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MADERA CITY COUNCIL

205 W. 4th Street, Madera, California 93637

NOTICE AND AGENDA

**Thursday, August 20, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
City Hall**

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CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Mayor Cece Gallegos
Mayor Pro Tem Rohi Zacharia, District 1
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3
Councilmember Anita Evans, District 4
Councilmember Elsa Mejia, District 5
Councilmember Artemio Villegas, District 6

INVOCATION:**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:****APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public shall have an opportunity to address the City Council regarding matters on this Agenda at the time the agenda item is called. Speakers should limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

A. PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENTS:

A-1 Consideration of Action Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10229 for Council Districts 1, 3, and 5

- Recommendation:**
1. Adopt a Resolution Appointing the Nominated Candidates to Office;
 2. Adopt a Resolution Directing that the Election be Held; or
 3. Take no action (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- Wednesday, September 2, 2026
- Wednesday, September 16, 2026

ADJOURNMENT:

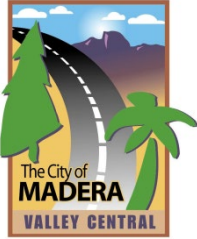
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 - Questions regarding the meeting agenda or conduct of the meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (559) 661-5405.
 - Para asistencia en español sobre este aviso, por favor llame al (559) 661-5405.
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I, Alicia Gonzales, City Clerk for the City of Madera, declare under penalty of perjury that I posted the above agenda for the Special Meeting of the Madera City Council for August 20, 2026, near the front entrances of City Hall and on the City's website www.madera.gov at 4:00 p.m. on August 14, 2026.



Alicia Gonzales, City Clerk



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:

Alicia Gonzales, City Clerk

Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

Council Meeting of: August 20, 2026

Agenda Number: A-1

SUBJECT:

Consideration of Action Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10229 for Council Districts 1, 3, and 5

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt a Resolution appointing the nominated candidates to office;
2. Adopt a Resolution directing that the election be held; or
3. Take no action

SUMMARY:

Per California Elections Code Section 10229, when there is only one or no nominee for an elective office, the City Council may appoint the nominated candidate to office or direct that the election be held as scheduled. In this case, there is one nominee for each of the Council seats in Districts 1, 3, and 5. Accordingly, the Council may appoint the nominated candidates to office or proceed with the election.

DISCUSSION:

The City is scheduled to hold a Consolidated General Election on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing councilmembers for Districts 1, 3, and 5. The nomination period closed on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 with only one candidate nominated for each of the three Council Districts. See Attachment 1, the August 13, 2026, letter from the Madera County Registrar of Voters.

The nominated candidates are:

- Rohi Zacharia (District 1)

- Steve Montes (District 3), and
- Alvina Miguel-Leon (District 5)

Under these circumstances and pursuant to Elections Code 10229, the City Council may take one of the following courses of action:

1. Appoint to office the person who has been nominated;
2. Appoint an eligible elector to office if no person has been nominated; or
3. Direct that the election be held if either no person or only one person has been nominated.

In the event the person nominated is appointed to office, the person appointed shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected. Additionally, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy after the appointment is made.

The City Clerk has complied with the requirements of Elections Code Section 10229 by providing the City Council with her Certification (Attachment 2) and by publishing the required notice in a newspaper of general circulation.

Accordingly, the City Council has the option to adopt a Resolution appointing the nominated candidates to office (Option 1), adopt a resolution directing that the election be held (Option 2), or take no action.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost for election services for the three Council seats is estimated to be \$86,500. The amount is included in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27; however, should the election not be held the cost of the election would potentially be a savings to the City.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Madera County Registrar of Voters
2. City Clerk Certification
3. Resolution Option 1: Making Appointments
4. Resolution Option 2: Hold Election as Scheduled

ATTACHMENT 1

Letter from Madera County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters



**Rebecca Martinez, County Clerk-Recorder
and Registrar of Voters**

August 13, 2026

City of Madera
Attn: City Clerk
201 West Fourth Street
Madera, CA 93637

Re: Consolidated General Election City Office Nominations

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

The Nomination/Declaration of Candidacy period for the upcoming Consolidated General Election has closed and the following candidates have completed the necessary requirements to run for the respective offices:

City of Madera, Councilmember, District 1

- Rohi I. Zacharia

City of Madera, Councilmember, District 3

- Steve Montes

City of Madera, Councilmember, District 5

- Alvina Miguel-Leon

In accordance with Elections Code Section 10229 (a) If, by the 88th day before the election, or the 83rd day before the election, if an incumbent fails, (i) no one or only one person has been nominated for any office that is elected on a citywide basis, or (ii) no one or only one person is nominated to be elected from or by a legislative district, or (iii) in the case of any office or offices to be elected at large, the number of persons who have been nominated for those offices does not exceed the number to be filled at that election; the city elections official shall submit a certificate of these facts to the governing body of the city and inform the governing body of the city that it may, at a regular or special meeting held before the municipal election, adopt one of the following courses of action:





**Rebecca Martinez, County Clerk-Recorder
and Registrar of Voters**

Re: Consolidated General Election City Office Nominations

City of Madera

August 13, 2026

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- (1) Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated.
 - (2) Appoint to the office an eligible elector if no one has been nominated.
 - (3) Hold the election, if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

The city elections official shall publish a notice of the facts described in this section and the courses of action available under this subdivision. Publication shall be made pursuant to Section 6061 of the Government Code in any newspaper of general circulation as designated by the city elections official.

Please provide proof of publication of the above referenced notice to my office upon receipt. Once I have received proof of publication together with a copy of the resolution with the City Council's decision, my office will move forward accordingly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (559) 675-7720.

Sincerely,

REBECCA MARTINEZ

County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters



ATTACHMENT 2
City Clerk Certification

**CITY OF MADERA CITY CLERK CERTIFICATION THAT THERE ARE NOT MORE
CANDIDATES THAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED**

I, Alicia Gonzales, City Clerk of the City of Madera, do hereby certify pursuant to Section 10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the following facts relating to the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

As of the close of the nomination period on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 for Members of the City Council representing Districts 1, 3, and 5, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected.

The person(s) so nominated are:

Rohi Zacharia	Member of City Council	District 1	4-Years
Steve Montes	Member of City Council	District 3	4-Years
Alvina Miguel-Leon	Member of City Council	District 5	4-Years

Section 10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council:

- (1) Appoint to the office the person(s) who has/have been nominated.
- (2) Appoint to the office any eligible elector (voter) if no one has been nominated.
- (3) Hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

A notice of these facts was posted on Saturday, August 15, 2026, and will be published on Saturday, August 15, 2026 in a newspaper of general circulation in the City pursuant to § 6061 of the Government Code. After the fifth day following the date of publication, the City Council will meet to either make the appointment(s) or direct an election to be held. The person(s) appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.

The City Council will meet at a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026, to either make the appointment(s) or direct an election to be held.

If, by the 75th day before the municipal election, no person has been appointed to the office(s) pursuant to (1) or (2) above, the election shall be held.

If the City Council makes an appointment pursuant to §10229, Elections Code, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy which is submitted after the appointment is made.

Alicia Gonzales
City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 3
OPTION RESOLUTION (APPOINTMENTS)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA
APPOINTING TO CITY COUNCIL OFFICE ROHI ZACHARIA (DISTRICT 1),
STEVE MONTES (DISTRICT 3), AND ALVINA MIGUEL-LEON (DISTRICT 5)
AND WITHDRAWING THE ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THESE OFFICES
FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Madera City Council has called a Municipal Election to be Consolidated with the Statewide Election (Consolidated General Election) on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a nomination period was opened and closed in accordance with the Elections Code and only one candidate each was nominated for offices in Districts 1, 3, and 5; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Elections Code Section 10229, the City Council may choose to appoint such persons.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Madera resolves as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference as fully set forth.
2. Pursuant to Elections Code 10229, the following persons are being appointed to the offices to which they were nominated:

Rohi Zacharia	City Councilmember, District 1	4-Years
Steve Montes	City Councilmember, District 3	4-Years
Alvina Miguel-Leon	City Councilmember, District 5	4-Years

3. The election scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, is cancelled.
4. The persons appointed shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at the municipal election for that office.
5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and submit any required information and documents to the County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters.
6. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ATTACHMENT 4
OPTION 2 RESOLUTION (HOLD ELECTION)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA
DETERMINING TO HOLD THE ELECTION FOR COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 3, AND
5 AS SCHEDULED ON THE CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION OF
NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Madera City Council has called a Municipal Election to be Consolidated with the Statewide Election (Consolidated General Election) on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a nomination period was opened and closed in accordance with the Elections Code and only one candidate each was nominated for offices in Districts 1, 3, and 5; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Elections Code Section 10229, the City Council may choose to hold the election as scheduled.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Madera resolves as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference as fully set forth.
2. Pursuant to Elections Code 10229, although there are not more candidates than offices to be elected, the election shall be held as scheduled.
3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and submit any required information and documents to the County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters.
4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.
