

RESOLUTION 26-4968

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA APPOINTING NOMINEES TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER FOR CITY OF MURRIETA CITY COUNCIL, VOTING DISTRICT 1, THAT WAS TO BE ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND CANCELING SAID ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR VOTING DISTRICT 1

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2026, the City Council of the City of Murrieta adopted Resolution No. 26-4652, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the election of three City Council Members; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) City Council Member seats for purposes of the election, represent Districts 1, 2, and 5, respectively, for the full term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2026, the City Clerk/Local Elections Official of the City of Murrieta posted the Notice of Election, which included the nomination period for the three Council Members seats between Monday, July 13, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and Friday, August 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, by the close of the nomination period on Friday, August 7, 2026, only one person filed and qualified for District 1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code §10229, if only one person is nominated to be elected from or by a legislative district, the City Council may take one of the following courses of action: 1) appoint to the office the person who has been nominated; or, 2) hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Notice/Certificate of Facts (Attachment No. 1) was posted at the City's designated posting locations on August 10, 2026, and published on August 12, 2026, in the Press Enterprise, San Bernardino Sun, and the Daily Bulletin, a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to the law; and

WHEREAS, an appointment will result in the cancellation of the City Council Member District 1 portion of the City's General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026. The election for Districts 2 and 5 will continue as scheduled. Cancelling the uncontested election for District 1 will save the City unnecessary costs of holding an election for that uncontested seat; and

WHEREAS, if the City Council makes an appointment pursuant to §10229 of the California Elections Code, the person appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10229, the following person is appointed to the District 1 Office to which he was nominated and qualified, and is considered to be the same as being elected to the respective office, pursuant to Section 10229(a)(3) of the California Elections Code and the election for District 1 is cancelled:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Jon Levell	City Council Member	One	4 Years

Section 3. The City Clerk/Local Elections Official is directed to notify the County of Riverside Registrar of Voters of the cancellation of the City Council Member District 1 portion of the City's General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 4. The City's General Municipal Election for Districts 2 and 5 will continue as scheduled.

Section 5. The City Clerk/Local Elections Official shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy which is submitted after the appointment is made.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2026.

Jon Levell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tiffany J. Israel, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)§
CITY OF MURRIETA)

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 26-4968 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Murrieta at the regular meeting thereof, held on the 18th day of August 2026, and was signed by the Mayor of the said City, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk