



Cotati City Council Agenda Staff Report

Item type: REGULAR AGENDA (ACTION)
To: City Council
Subject: **RECEIVE AND FILE STATEMENT OF THE VOTES CAST
AND DECLARATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF
COTATI CONSOLIDATED GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**
Date: December 10, 2024
Written by: Kevin Patterson, Deputy City Clerk

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council: 1) Adopt a motion to receive and file the Sonoma County Clerk's Statement of the Votes Cast; and 2) Adopt a resolution declaring the results of the Consolidated General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024, determining the elected council members and certifying that Measure S (repeal of the roundabout ban) was approved by a majority vote of Cotati voters and the Mayor is authorized to attest to the ordinance passage.

Background

The City of Cotati held a Consolidated General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing three members of the City Council and to vote on Measure S - "Repeal Roundabout Ban" The election was conducted on behalf of the City of Cotati by the County of Sonoma. Pursuant to California Elections Code 10262, the County Clerk has certified the election results and provided a Statement of the Votes Cast at the City of Cotati Election. Pursuant to Elections Code 10263, the City Council shall adopt a resolution declaring the results of the election.

Analysis/Discussion

The ordinance to repeal the existing ban on roundabouts and traffic circles, formerly known as Measure U and codified in Cotati Municipal Code 11.11.101, was introduced by resolution 2024-43 at the July 9, 2024 regular City Council meeting. The ordinance was assigned as Measure S by the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters and placed on the ballot for the election held on November 5, 2024. Measure S was voted in favor of and thereby deemed adopted by the people

by 60.31% of the total votes, exceeding the necessary simple majority vote for passage. Per Elections Code 9217, upon certification, the ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the declaration of the results of that election by the City Council of the City of Cotati.

Susan Harvey, Laura Sparks, and Ben Ford were the successful candidates and have been elected to the City Council for full terms of four years.

Financial Considerations

None.

Environmental Issues

The action of receiving the Sonoma County Clerk's Statement of Votes Cast does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378; therefore, no further environmental review is required.