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Honorable Mayor and City Council
Sacramento, California

Members in Session:

SUBJECT: 1983 Municipal Elections

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SUMMARY

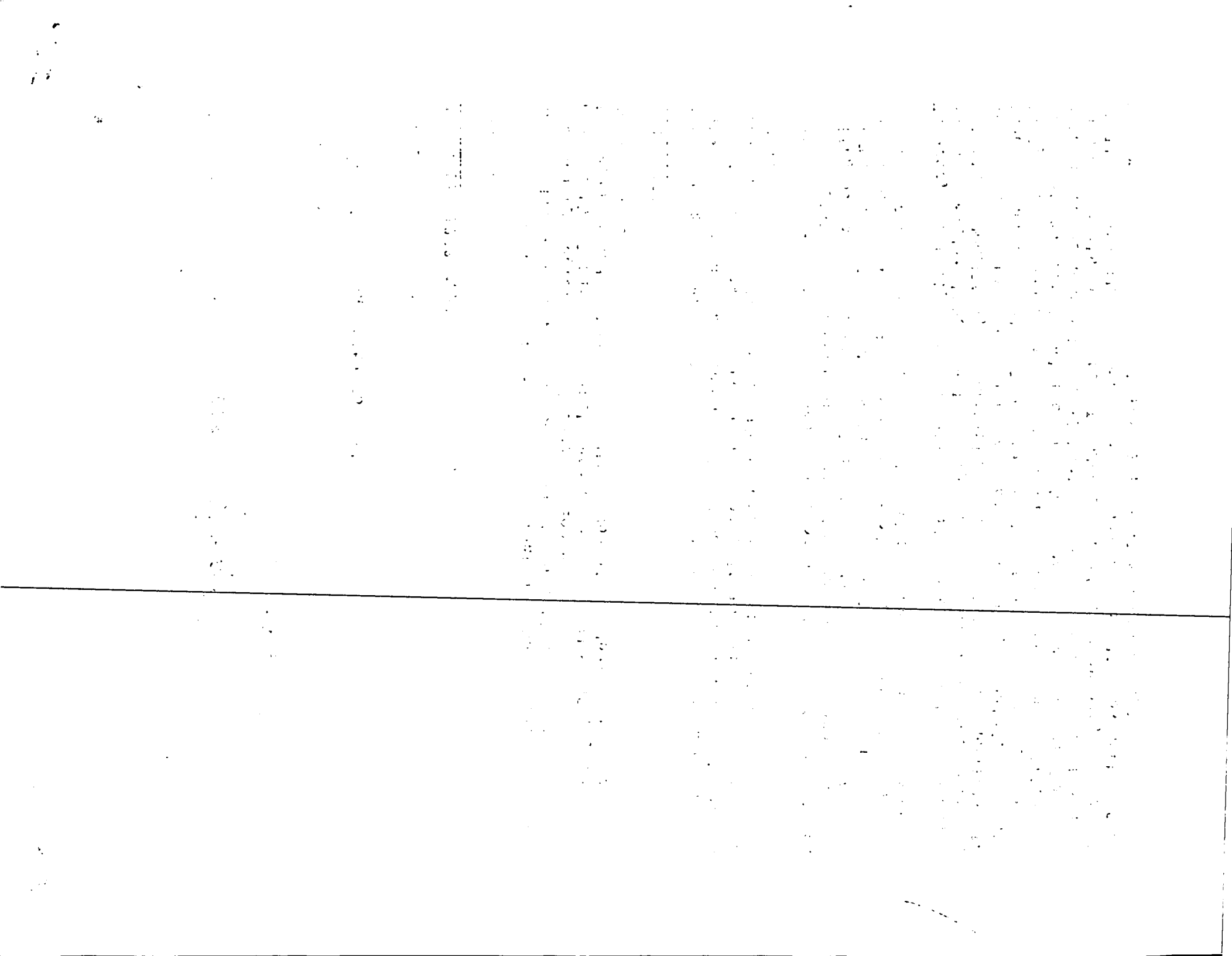
Pursuant to the California State Elections Code, the governing body calling an election may request consolidation, may request the County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election, determine the length of the candidate's statement and method of payment. It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolutions.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Election Code Section 10012, the City Council may determine whether the length of a Candidate's Statement is to be 200 or 400 words. Because of the cost, it is recommended that the City Council limit the length of the candidate's statement to 200 words.

Further, pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, the County of Sacramento has been declared to be a bilingual county which requires that all election material be printed in English and Spanish. Due to this requirement, it has been recommended policy to charge candidates for only the English portion of the printing and mailing of the candidates' statements.

However, in 1982, State Elections Code Section 10012 was amended and now reads: "The local agency may estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statements filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and may require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the local agency his or her pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter's pamphlet. In the event of overpayment, the clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election."



In addition, the candidate's statement is optional and it is recommended that the City's policy be changed to charge the candidate for all costs of the candidate's statement.

Another change in policy is recommended. In 1979, Section 62.2 was changed to bill the candidates after each election pursuant to a court case. Since then, circumstances have changed and the City Attorney speaks to that in a separate report. An ordinance has been prepared by the City Attorney's Office amending Section 62.2 of the City Code to allow for the prepayment of candidate's cost for candidate's statements. It also provides for a prepayment exception for indigents who must pay at a later date.


The City has experienced difficulty and has incurred additional costs to insure collection for a candidate's statement. It is recommended that the City Clerk be authorized to require payment in advance. Attached for your information is the cost estimates from the County Registrar of Voters for 200 word candidates' statements. It is further recommended that the low estimate be collected from each candidate. In the event that final costs are higher than the estimates, the candidate will be billed for the difference.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following:

- A. Resolution calling the 1983 Primary and General Municipal Elections, requesting County of Sacramento to conduct the election and to consolidate the November Municipal Election with the UDAL Elections.
- B. Resolution determining the length of the candidate's statement and determining that the charges shall be levied therefore for the 1983 Primary Municipal Election and 1983 General Municipal Election.

Respectfully submitted,


Lorraine Magana
City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


Walter J. Slife
City Manager

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June 21, 1983

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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
DEPARTMENT OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

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ERNEST R. HAWKINS
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Dwight M. Beattie
Chief Election and
Registrar Technician

June 8, 1983

Lorraine Magana
Sacramento City Clerk
Sacramento City Hall
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Dear Lorraine:

The estimated costs of the Candidate's Statements for the September 1983 Primary Election are being given in ranges. These wide ranges are due to two factors. I am hopeful of using telecommunication to set up the same ballots with the printer which would reduce the costs to the candidates. However, it is very possible that this will not be operational and I may have to use the standard hard copy transmittal system. An additional factor to be considered in the costs of the Candidate's Statements is the 1982 chaptered legislation (Election Code Section 10012) which includes the costs of the Spanish version.

The estimates are as follows for 200 word statements:

District #2	\$190 - \$270
District #4	\$220 - \$300
District #6	\$210 - \$280
District #8	\$210 - \$290
Mayor	\$1,150 - \$1,330

If you have any questions regarding these estimates, please call Doris Chez of my staff at 366-2051.

Very truly yours,

Ernest R. Hawkins
Registrar of Voters

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RESOLUTION No. 83

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

June 21, 1981

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO TO REQUEST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO TO PERMIT THE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO RENDER CERTAIN SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONDUCTING OF THE PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1983 AND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 1983 TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO.

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO: OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

SECTION 1.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento is hereby requested to order the County Registrar of Voters to consolidate the General Municipal Election on November 8, 1983 pursuant to the provisions of State of California Elections Code Section 23302.

SECTION 2.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento is hereby requested to order the County Registrar of Voters to render the following services in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the California Elections Code, the Sacramento City Charter and the Sacramento City Code, to the City of Sacramento in connection with the conducting of the Primary Municipal Election on September 27, 1983 and the General Municipal Election on November 8, 1983 to be held in the City of Sacramento.

- a. Precinct consolidation, establishment of polling places, securing election officers and preparing and mailing notices of appointment.
- b. Printing sample ballots, sample ballot envelopes, polling place cards, ballot arguments, charter amendments, propositions and statements of candidate's qualifications and mailing to registered voters.
- c. Printing of official ballots.
- d. Purchase precinct supplies and absent voters supplies.
- e. Provide for absentee voting, office of the County Registrar of Voters.

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- f. Cartage of voting booths, ballots, original books of affidavits, ballot boxes and precinct supplies to precincts.
- g. Supervision and conduct of election.
- h. Electronic tabulation of votes.
- i. Canvass and certify to City Clerk results of elections.
- j. All things necessary or incidental to the above functions as may be requested from time to time by the City Clerk.

SECTION 3.

For the purpose of filling the offices of Mayor, District 2, 4, 6 and 8, the Primary Municipal Election is hereby called to be held in the City of Sacramento on Tuesday, September 27, 1983.

The Sacramento County Registrar of Voters has submitted an estimate that the cost of this election will be \$200,000.00. Subject to receipt by the City Clerk of a full and accurate accounting by County Registrar of Voters as to the allocated costs of said election, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to make payment to the County of Sacramento for the costs of the election.

SECTION 4.

For the purpose of filling the offices of Mayor, District 2, 4, 6 and 8, the General Municipal Election is hereby called to be held in the City of Sacramento on Tuesday, November 8, 1983.

The Sacramento County Registrar of Voters has submitted an estimate that the cost of this election will be \$40,000 based upon a run/off for the offices of mayor and/or council seats and one measure. Subject to receipt by the City Clerk of a full and accurate accounting by the County Registrar of Voters as to the allocated costs of the said election, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to make payment to the County of Sacramento for the cost of said election.

SECTION 5.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized to canvass, or cause to be canvassed, as provided by law, the returns of said elections and to certify such canvass of the votes cast to the Sacramento City Council.



SECTION 6.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the due adoption of this resolution and to transmit a copy thereof so certified to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento and to file a copy thereof so certified with the County Registrar of Voters of the City of Sacramento.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

June 21, 1983

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE LENGTH OF CANDIDATE'S
STATEMENT AND DETERMINING THAT THE CHARGES SHALL
BE LEVIED THEREFOR FOR THE 1983 PRIMARY MUNICIPAL
AND 1983 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

That the length of any candidate's statement as to his or her education and qualifications filed for the 1983 Primary and General Municipal Elections pursuant to Section 10012 of the California Election Code and Section 62.2 of the Sacramento City Code be limited to no more than 200 words.

SECTION 2.

That the City Clerk is authorized to levy a charge and to request payment in advance from each candidate filing such candidate's statement, which charge shall consist of the proprata cost to the City of printing, handling and mailing each such statement including the costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

SECTION 3.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to bill each candidate submitting such statement for the charges set forth in Section 2 hereof which is in excess of the advance payment.

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MAYOR

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