City Council Meeting
06-08-26
Item 1.B.7.

Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Silverstein and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Prepared by: Kelsey Pettijohn, City Clerk

Approved by: Joseph D. Irvin, City Manager

Date prepared: May 20, 2026 Meeting date: June 8, 2026

Subject: November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 26-32 calling and giving notice of 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; 2) Adopt Resolution No. 26-33 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10403; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 26-34 adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidates statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 and repealing Resolution No. 16-24.

FISCAL IMPACT: No additional appropriation is required. Funding in the amount of $40,000 for the General Municipal Election is included in the Proposed Budget for FY 2026-7 in Account No. 100-7007-5150 (Elections).

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: N/A.

DISCUSSION: State law requires adoption of various resolutions in order to conduct a General Municipal Election. Staff has prepared the 2026 Election resolutions for Council consideration and adoption. Resolution No. 26-32 (Attachment 1) calls the election and sets the date on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, Resolution No. 26-33 (Attachment 2) requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, and Resolution No. 26-34 adopts regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters.

For information purposes, attached to the staff report is a list of important dates (Attachment 4) related to the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 26-32
2. Resolution No. 26-33
3. Resolution No. 26-34
4. November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election Important Dates

RESOLUTION NO. 26-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU CALLING AND 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

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Under the provisions 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.

SECTION 2. 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 Malibu, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing two members of the City Council for the full term of four years.

SECTION 3. The ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to coordinate with the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk 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 5. The vote center locations and hours of operations, ballot drop box locations, and hours of operation, vote-by-mail procedures and timing, the election officers, and all other persons and procedures for the General Municipal Election shall be the same as those utilized by the County of Los Angeles and in compliance with the Elections Code for the State of California. In addition, the vote centers for the election shall be open as required during the identified voting period pursuant to Elections Code sections 4007 and 14401.

SECTION 6. In all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 7. 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 time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 8. Pursuant to Resolution No. 99-86 and California Elections Code section 15651(b), in the event of a tie vote as certified by the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, the City Council shall conduct a special runoff election to resolve the tie vote and such special runoff election is to be held on a Tuesday not less than 40 days nor more than 125 days after the administrative or judicial certification of the election which resulted in a tie vote.

SECTION 9. 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 10. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

SECTION 11. 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 __th day of ____ 2026.

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BRUCE SILVERSTEIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KELSEY PETTIJOHN, City Clerk
(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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TREVOR RUSIN, Interim City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 26-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. The City Council of the City of Malibu called a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of the election of two members of the City Council for the full term of four years.

B. It is desirable that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and that within the City the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the County election department of the County of Los Angeles canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code Section 10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of the election of two members of the City Council for the full term of four years.

SECTION 3. The County election department is authorized to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide or special election including Elections Code Section 10418.

SECTION 4. The Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County election department to take any and all steps necessary, with the exception of candidate filing services, for the holding of the consolidated election.

SECTION 5. The City of Malibu recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the election department of the County of Los Angeles.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

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BRUCE SILVERSTEIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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TREVOR RUSIN, Interim City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 26-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED OT THE VOTES AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 16-24

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Elections Code Section 13307 provides that the governing body of any local agency adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate's statement.

SECTION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307 and 13308, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at an Election to be held in the City of Malibu on November 3, 2026, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed in typewritten form in the office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

SECTION 3. ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307(c), the governing body of the City of Malibu authorizes the preparation of candidate statements for the purpose of electronic distribution. Candidates will prepare statements for electronic distribution pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307(a). A statement prepared pursuant to this subdivision shall be posted on the internet website of the County Elections Official. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307.7(a), candidates shall provide payment of the requisite fee to cover the duties and procedures set forth in Elections Code Sections 13307(b) and (d).

SECTION 4. FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY.

A. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidate's statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of Los Angeles. The County is required to translate candidate's statements into the following languages: Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, Cambodian/Khmer, Farsi, Filipino/Tagalog, Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Spanish, Telugu, Thai, and Vietnamese

B. The County will mail separate voter information guides and candidates' statements in Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, Cambodian/Khmer, Farsi, Filipino/Tagalog, Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Spanish, Telugu, Thai, and Vietnamese to only those voters who are on the county voter file as having requested a voter

information guide in a particular language. The County will make the voter information guides and candidates statements in the required languages available at all polling places, on the County's website, and in the Election Official's office.

SECTION 5. PAYMENT.

A. Translations:

1. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statement into any required foreign language as specified in (A) and/or (B) of Section 4 above pursuant to Federal and\or State law.

2. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statement into any foreign language that is not required as specified in (A) and/or (B) of Section 4 above, pursuant to Federal and\or State law, but is requested as an option by the candidate.

B. Printing:

1. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in English in the main voter pamphlet.

2. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidates statement in a foreign language required in (A) of Section 3 above., in the main voter pamphlet.

3. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in a foreign language requested by the candidate per (B) of Section 2 above, in the main voter pamphlet.

4. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in a foreign language required Section 3.A., in the facsimile voter pamphlet.

5. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of electronically distributing candidate's statements.

The City Clerk shall 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 require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the local agency his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter's pamphlet. In the event the estimated payment is required, the estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the clerk is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the clerk may require the

candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. 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.

SECTION 6. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. All translations shall be provided by professionally-certified translators.

B. The City Clerk shall allow bold type, underlining, capitalization, indentations, bullets, and leading hyphens to the same extent and manner as allowed in previous City elections.

C. The City Clerk shall comply with all recommendations and standards set forth by the California Secretary of State regarding occupational designations and other matters relating to elections.

D. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the voter information guide.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time nominating petitions are issued.

SECTION 8. Resolution No. 16-24 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. This resolution shall apply at the next ensuing municipal election and at each municipal election after that time.

SECTION 10. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

SECTION 11. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

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BRUCE SILVERSTEIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election

Important Dates

July 13, 2026	First Day of period for Nomination Papers
August 7, 2026	Last Day to Call Election for Ballot Measures
August 7, 2026	Last day to file Nomination Papers[1]
August 13, 2026	Secretary of State to determine order of names on ballot
August 20, 2026	Last day to cancel election for insufficient candidates
September 7 – October 20, 2026	Filing period for Write-in Candidate
October 19, 2026	Last day to register to vote
NOVEMBER 3, 2026	ELECTION DAY
December 3, 2026	Canvass of election results
December 14, 2026	Council reorganization

[1] *Date to be extended to August 12, 2926, in the event the incumbent does not file.*

ATTACHMENT 4