

Approval of Ordinance for Declaration of Election of Unopposed Candidate of May 8, 2010 Election
April 20, 2010

SUMMARY:

This item requests the approval of the Ordinance for Declaration of Election of Unopposed Candidate of May 8, 2010 Election.

BOARD GOAL:

VI. Growth & Change.....In pursuit of excellence, the District will:

- Review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board approved the Order for Election on February 9, 2010.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In prior elections, all candidates appeared on the ballot whether they were unopposed or opposed.

Senate Bill 1970, Section 2 amended Section 2.053, Election Code, to require the ballot to list the offices and names of candidates declared elected on the ballot separately following the opposed races under a heading "Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected" if the entire election was not cancelled. No votes are cast for the unopposed candidates and they should appear in the same relative order as they would have as opposed candidates on the ballot.

The authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared shall certify in writing that a candidate is unopposed for election to an office. The certification shall be delivered to the governing body of the political subdivision as soon as possible after the filing deadlines for placement on the ballot and list of write-in candidates.

Upon receipt of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates, the governing body of the political subdivision by order or ordinance may declare each unopposed candidate elected to the office.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

A Certificate of Election shall be issued to each candidate in the same manner and at the same time as provide for a candidate elected at the election. The candidate must qualify for the office in the same manner as provided for a candidate elected at the election.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Compliance with the Election Code, Sec. 2.052 (a) (b) – Certification of Unopposed Status
Compliance with the Election Code, Sec. 2.053 (a) – Action on Certification

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommends approval of the Ordinance for Declaration of Election of Unopposed Candidate of May 8, 2010 Election.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Budget and Finance
Jo Davis, Elections/General Accountant

ATTACHMENT:

Ordinance for Declaration of Election of Unopposed Candidate of May 8, 2010 Election
Certification of Unopposed Candidates for Other Political Subdivisions

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____