



DATE: May 12, 2020

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Clerk's Office

TITLE: **Certification of Official Election Results – March 3, 2020 Special Municipal Election**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution Certifying the Result of the Canvass of Returns of the Special Municipal Election Held on March 3, 2020 for Ballot Measure D–Amendment to the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

BACKGROUND

A Special Municipal Election was held on March 3, 2020 to submit to the voters a Charter Amendment, Measure D–Amendment to the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act. The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has canvassed the returns and certified the results of the election on April 23, 2020 (Exhibit A to Attachment 1 to the Council report) following an extended certification deadline per the Governor of California's Executive Order N-34-20. The California Elections Code requires the Council to adopt a resolution reciting the fact of the election and to certify the results.

Total Voter Registration:	38,812
Precinct Ballots Cast:	3,194
Vote by Mail Ballots Cast:	20,743
Total Ballots Cast:	23,937
Voter Turnout:	61.67%

Measure D required approval by a majority of voters in order to pass. The measure did not receive approval by a majority of the voters, and therefore, was not approved. The attached resolution (Attachment 1 to the Council report) recites the measure that was submitted to the voters, the number of votes cast, and percentage of votes received as follows:

Shall the City Charter be amended to: prohibit paying Rental Housing Committee (RHC) members; clarify the RHC independently implements the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act and related initiatives delegated by the City Council; clarify the City Council may remove RHC members for reasons including misconduct; allow annual rent increases up to 4%; authorize additional rent increases for critical housing improvements like seismic retrofits; clarify mobile homes are exempt; and make technical revisions?

<i>Measure D – Amendment to the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act</i>	<i>Votes Received</i>	<i>Percentage of Votes Received</i>
No	15,399	69.65%
Yes	6,709	30.35%

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution and Exhibit A