

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
CALLING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE MEMBERS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL AT THE GENERAL  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

WHEREAS, Section 1000 of the City Charter provides for general municipal elections for the election of officers, and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe, in the City in November of even numbered years and to the maximum extent possible consolidated with other elections held in the State and in the County of Merced.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 1000 of the City Charter, a general municipal election shall be, and is hereby ordered to be, held in and for the City of Merced on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the object and purpose of electing three City Council Members, one seat each in Districts 2, 4 and 6 for four-year terms.

SECTION 2. That the general municipal election hereby called for November 3, 2026 shall be and is hereby ordered consolidated with the General Election to be held within the City on said date, and within the territory affected by the consolidation, all as required by and pursuant to law; and the election precincts, polling places, and officers of election within the City of Merced for said municipal election hereby called shall be the same as those selected and designated by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced for said consolidated election and set forth in the notice of election officers and polling places for said consolidated election published or to be published by the County Clerk of said County, as required by law, to which notice reference is hereby specifically made for a designation of the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the municipal election hereby called. The Board of

Supervisors will authorize the Registrar of Voters to canvass, or cause to be canvassed, the returns of said general municipal election with respect to the votes cast in the City of Merced and to certify the results to this City Council.

SECTION 3. Said general municipal election hereby called shall be held and conducted, and the votes thereat received and canvassed, and the return thereof made, and the result thereof ascertained and determined in accordance with the general election laws of the State of California, except as herein provided or as otherwise provided for in the City Charter.

SECTION 4. All persons qualified to vote at municipal elections in the City of Merced shall be qualified to vote at said general municipal election.

SECTION 5. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding regularly scheduled Consolidated/Unified District Elections.

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed 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 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. At the next regular meeting of this City Council occurring after the returns of said general municipal election have been canvassed by the Registrar of Voters of the County of Merced, and the certification of the results thereof to this City Council, or at a special meeting called thereafter for such purpose, this City Council shall cause to be spread upon its minutes a statement of the results of said general municipal election as ascertained by said canvass.

SECTION 9. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026, by the following called vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

APPROVED:  
MATTHEW SERRATTO, MAYOR

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**Mayor**

ATTEST:  
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

Craig Cornwell      5-21-2026  
City Attorney      Date