

**CITY OF OJAI  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 22-45**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF A MEASURE RELATING TO WHETHER TO ALLOW A TRANSITION TO ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS CITYWIDE BY RANKED CHOICE VOTING RATHER THAN BY DISTRICT BEGINNING WITH THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION NO. 22-31**

**WHEREAS**, a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 has been called for the City of Ojai by Resolution No. 22-31, adopted on June 14, 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council also desires to submit to the voters at the election one question relating to how City Council members are elected;

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

**SECTION 1. Recitals.** All of the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

**SECTION 2. General Municipal Election.** Under Elections Code sections 324 and 10201, the City Council of the City of Ojai hereby calls and notices a General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2022, to submit the following measure to the voters:

Shall the voters authorize, at the discretion of the City Council, the use of ranked choice voting, also known as instant runoff voting and allowing voters to rank candidates for elected office in order of preference, to elect City offices at-large, thereby amending the Ojai Municipal Code to no longer elect City Council members by district, if the City Council implements it starting with the November 2024 general election?	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

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**SECTION 3.** That the vote requirement for the measure to pass is a majority (50%+1) of the votes cast. If this measure is adopted and a measure repealing Measure A and returning to an appointed Mayor is adopted by the City's voters, then the ranked choice voting process shall apply, if implemented by the City Council, to all five City Council Members [four-year-term], the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer, each elected at-large via a ranked choice voting system. If this measure is adopted and a measure repealing Measure A and returning to an appointed Mayor is not adopted by the City's voters, then the ranked choice voting process shall apply, if implemented by the City Council, to the elected Mayor [two-year-term] and the four City Council Members [four-year-term], the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer, each to be elected at-large via a ranked choice voting system. If the voters decide, by majority vote, to adopt this measure, then the transition to a ranked choice voting procedure may take effect with the November 2024 general election, if implemented by the City Council, and the City Council may adopt a resolution implementing a ranked choice voting process, consistent with applicable law.

**SECTION 4.** That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

**SECTION 5.** That 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 6. Implementation.** The City Clerk is directed to file with the Ventura County Board of Supervisors certified copies of this Resolution, with a copy to the Ventura County Registrar of Voters, pursuant to Elections Code section 10403. The City Clerk is further authorized and directed to perform all other acts necessary or required by law to implement this Resolution and related to the election.

**SECTION 7. Impartial Analysis.** The City Clerk shall transmit a copy of the Measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the Measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the Measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure, and transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

**SECTION 8. Ballot Arguments.** Any and all members of the City Council are hereby authorized to prepare a written argument in favor of the measure on behalf of the City Council, not to exceed 300 words, as specified in section 9282 of the California Elections Code. Arguments against the Measure may not exceed 300 words and must be submitted to the City Clerk in compliance with sections 9282 and 9283 of the California Elections Code by the deadline established by the City Clerk.

**SECTION 9. Rebuttal Arguments.** Under Elections Code Section 9285, when the elections official has selected the arguments for and against the measure, not exceeding 300 words each, which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the elections official shall send a copy of an argument in favor of the proposition to the authors of the selected argument against the measure and a copy of an argument against the measure to the authors of the selected argument in favor of the measure immediately upon receiving the arguments.

The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to a City measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument not exceeding 250 words or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five authors. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, with the printed name(s) and signatures(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers, not more than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments. The rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement To Be Filed By Author(s) of Argument, available upon request from the City Clerk. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

**SECTION 10. Environmental Determination.** The City Council determines this Resolution is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The calling and noticing of a General Municipal Election is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines section 15378, subsection (b)(3).

**SECTION 11.** That 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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**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 27th day of July, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Blatz, Francina, Weirick  
NOES: Haney, Stix  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA

By:

Betsy Stix  
Betsy Stix, Mayor

7/28/22  
Date signed

ATTEST:

Gail Davis  
Gail Davis  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew T. Summers  
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City Attorney