



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City-Wide

SUBJECT:

Contract for Election Services for the May 9, 2015 General, Special Sales Tax, and Charter Amendment Elections.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a contract for Election Services with the Bexar County Elections Office for the City of San Antonio's General, Special Sales Tax, and Charter Amendment Elections scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015.

This ordinance will also authorize the conduct of the Election, provide the City of San Antonio Precincts to be utilized, establish Early Voting and Election Day Polling Sites, set forth routine procedures for Early Voting, and provide for required public notices.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Section 271.002(a) of the Texas Election Code authorizes two or more political subdivisions to enter into an agreement to hold elections jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places.

ISSUE:

Participation in a Joint Election with Bexar County and other political subdivisions allows the entities to share

common expenses for voting machines, election facilities, and poll workers, thereby reducing the cost of the election for each political subdivision. It also provides greater convenience to voters to participate in the elections of multiple political subdivisions at one polling place with one single ballot.

ALTERNATIVES:

Adoption of the Ordinance will provide for the scheduled conduct of the May 9, 2015 General, Special Sales Tax, and Charter Amendment Election.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Due to the joint participation of various entities in the May 9, 2015 Election, the cost to the City of San Antonio is approximately \$837,896.97. Funding is available in the FY 2015 Municipal Elections General Fund Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Office of the City Clerk requests approval of the Contract for Election Services with Bexar County.