



County Clerk
Elections

Aimee X. Espinoza
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK



September 1, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD
Fiscal Impact: None

Attached is resolution 065-2026 from the City of Bakersfield requesting the Elections Official to conduct their General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board authorize the Elections Division to conduct the election as requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aimee X. Espinoza".

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

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Attachment

cc: County Administrative Office

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RESOLUTION NO. 065 - 2026

A RESOLUTION CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF HOLDING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS FOR WARDS 1, 3, 4 AND 7, AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN TO CONSOLIDATE WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

WHEREAS, Section 67 of the Charter of the City of Bakersfield prescribes that a General Municipal Election for election of members of the Council shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year; and,

WHEREAS, the Councilmember terms for Wards 1, 3, 4 and 7 are due for re-election, pursuant to Section 15 of the Charter of the City of Bakersfield; and

WHEREAS, the California General Election will be held on November 3, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 10403 of the California Elections Code, it is the City's desire that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and that within the City the precincts, polling places and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Kern County Election Department canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bakersfield acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in the California Elections Code Section 10418.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bakersfield as follows:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the requirements of Section 10403 of the California Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing Members of the City Council for Wards 1, 3, 4 and 7 for the full term of four years which ends November 2030.

SECTION 2. That the Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instruction to the County Election Department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding the consolidated election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election.



SECTION 3. That the Board of Supervisors of Kern County is further requested to cause the list of candidates for Wards 1, 3, 4, and 7 of the City of Bakersfield to be printed upon each of the ballots to be used in the City of Bakersfield at said General Municipal Election. Said Board is further requested to cause to be set forth said office on all sample ballots relating to the City election called and consolidated, and to mail to the qualified electors within the City said sample ballots and voter's pamphlets, all in the time and in the form required by law.

SECTION 4. That the polls for the election shall be open at seven o'clock a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until eight o'clock p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, except as provided in Section 14401 of the California Elections Code.

SECTION 5. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern is hereby authorized to canvass, or cause to be canvassed, the returns of said General Municipal Election, to certify such canvass of the votes so cast and provide a "Statement of Election Results" to the City Clerk.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the adoption of this resolution, transmit and file it with the Board of Supervisors and the County Elections Department of the County of Kern.

SECTION 7. That the City of Bakersfield recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County and shall reimburse the County for services performed when the work is completed and upon presentation to the City of a properly approved bill.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give all notices and perform all advertising as required by law and perform, or cause to be performed, all the duties and functions in the conduct of the election as required by State law.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by
the Council of the City of Bakersfield at a regular meeting thereof held on
JUN 10 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER ARIAS, GONZALES, WEIR, SMITH, KOMAN, BASHIRTASH, KAUR
COUNCILMEMBER _____
COUNCILMEMBER _____
COUNCILMEMBER _____

Julie Drimakis
JULIE DRIMAKIS, MMC
CITY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of the
Council of the City of Bakersfield

APPROVED JUN 10 2026

By Karen Goh
KAREN GOH
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By Virginia Gennaro
VIRGINIA GENNARO
City Attorney

ELECTION CALENDAR

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
COUNCIL WARD NOS. 1,3,4 & 7
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

ELECTION CODE PROVISIONS	DATES
1. City Council Meeting adopting Resolution calling election requesting Kern County to conduct. (E.C. §10402, §10403)	June 10, 2026
2. Publication of Notice of Election (Publish one time. (G.C. §6061, E.C. §10242, §12101, §12102, §12109) Not earlier than 127 th day prior to election Not later than 113 th day prior to election	June 29, 2026 July 13, 2026
3. First day to file Nomination Papers Requires no less than 20 nor more than 30 signatures. (E.C. §10220, §10224, §10407- 113 th day prior to Election)	July 13, 2026
4. Last day to submit Resolution to County Board of Supervisors and County Clerk calling election and requesting consolidation (E.C. §10403)	August 07, 2026
5. Last day to file Nomination Papers and Candidate Statements. Must be filed concurrently. (E.C. §10220, §10224, §10407, §13307 – 88 th day prior to Election)	August 07, 2026
6. Last day for candidates to withdraw his/her Nomination papers, excluding extended filing period. (E.C. §10224)	August 08, 2026
7. Last day to withdraw Candidate's Statement. May not be altered or changed once filed. (E.C. §13307, §13311)	August 08, 2026
8. First day of extension period for Nomination Papers to be filed. (Applicable <u>only</u> for Non-incumbent , when the incumbent does not file by the deadline (E.C. §10225, §10407)	August 08, 2026
9. Last day to file Nomination Papers and Candidate Statements under the extension period provision. Must be filed concurrently (E.C. §10224, §10225 – 83 rd day prior to Election)	August 12, 2026
10. Last day for candidates to withdraw his/her Nomination papers filed under the extension period provision (E.C. §10225)	August 13, 2026
11. Last day to withdraw Candidates' Statement filed under the extension period provision (E.C. §13307)	August 13, 2026
12. Randomized Alphabet Drawing by Secretary of State (E.C. §13112, §13113 – 82 nd day prior to Election)	August 13, 2026
13. Last day for City Clerk to certify and file with Kern County the List of Candidates (G.C. §6066, E.C. §10403 – 81 st day prior to Election)	August 14, 2026
14. First day filing period for Write-In Candidates , (E.C. §8600-8604, §10103, §10220)	September 07, 2026
15. First Pre-Election Campaign Statement due to City Clerk (Filing Officer) *	September 24, 2026

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16.	Publication of List of Nominees as they shall appear on the ballot (<i>Publish once a week, for two successive weeks, and no later than the 7th day prior to Election. G.C. §6066, E.C. §12110</i>).	October 20, 2026 October 27, 2026
17.	Last day to Register to Vote for the November election.	October 19, 2026
18.	Last day to file as a Write-in Candidate and file Nomination Petitions (E.C. §8600-§604; §10103, §10220)	October 20, 2026
19.	Second Pre-Election Campaign Statement due to City Clerk *	October 22, 2026
20.	ELECTION DAY	November 3, 2026
21.	Kern County to Canvass Election Returns (E.C. §10411, §10262(b), §10263(b), §15372)	November 4, 2026- December 3, 2026
22.	Swearing in Ceremony of newly elected Councilmembers	December 16, 2026

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 County of Kern

I, Julie Drimakis, City Clerk of the City of Bakersfield, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing and annexed to be a full, true and correct copy of the original RESOLUTION 065-2026 on file in this office and that I have compared the same with the original.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 17 day of JUNE 2026

Julie Drimakis, City Clerk

By: Julie Drimakis
 By: _____ Deputy City Clerk

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