

ORDINANCE NO. 16-0026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH MOVING THE DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH OF ODD NUMBERED YEARS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER 2020

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals.

A. The general municipal elections for the City of Manhattan Beach ("City") are currently held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd numbered year.

B. Senate Bill 415 (California Election Code §§ 14050-14057) prohibits a political subdivision, including a city, from holding an election other than on a statewide election date, if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election in that political subdivision, being at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous four statewide general elections.

C. The City did not meet the qualifying criteria to continue to conduct stand-alone elections and must move its elections to the date of the statewide general election.

D. The City desires to change its general municipal election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2020, an established election date listed in Elections Code Section 1000 and the date of the statewide general election.

Section 2. Pursuant to the California Elections Code, the City Council hereby changes the City's general municipal election from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd numbered years to the first Tuesday after the first Monday of even numbered years beginning and effective November 2020. Said election shall be consolidated with the statewide general election conducted by Los Angeles County upon the County's approval.

Section 3. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 1301, the City will continue to hold its elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of 2017 and 2019, and each odd numbered year thereafter unless Los Angeles County approves the consolidation of future municipal elections as set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 4. If Los Angeles County approves the City's request, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10403.5(b), no elected city term of office affected by an adjustment to the City's election dates by this Ordinance shall be increased or decreased by more than 12 months.

Section 5. Pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 1301(b) and 10403.5, the City requests Los Angeles County to approve this Ordinance.

Section 6. Within 30 days after this Ordinance becomes operative, the City's election official shall cause a notice to be mailed to Manhattan Beach registered voters informing the voters of the change in the election date and as a result of that change, the change in the terms of office of elected city officeholders.

Section 7. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors requesting approval by Board resolution.

Section 8. Pursuant to Government Code Section 36937, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2016.

AYES: Burton, Powell, Howorth, Lesser and Mayor D'Errico.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.


Tony D'Errico
Mayor

ATTEST:



Liza Tamura