

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## December 19, 2024



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**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
**Prepared by:** Angelica Avila, City Clerk  
**Subject:** **A Resolution Certifying the General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024, Declaring the Results**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **ADOPTS** Resolution reciting the facts of the consolidated General Municipal Election held in the City of Indian Wells on November 5, 2024, declaring the results thereof, and such other matters as are provided by law; and

**FINDS** the action exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review under CEQA guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

### DISCUSSION:

On June 20, 2024, the City Council adopted a resolution calling for and giving notice of the general municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, concurrently with the statewide general election. The Council requested the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to "consolidate" the municipal election with the Statewide Election, allowing the Registrar of Voters to conduct the logistics of the election.

Slated for the general municipal election were three (3) City Councilmember seats held by Donna Griffith, Ty Peabody, and Greg Sanders. The seats are for a full 4-year term. The nomination period opened on July 15 and closed on August 14. At the close of the nomination period, four (4) qualified candidates submitted papers for a 4-year Councilmember term.

Councilmember, Full Term (4 years)	Total Votes Cast
<b>GREG SANDERS</b>	1,969
<b>TOPER TAYLOR</b>	1,710
<b>BRIANN PENNA</b>	1,456
<b>YVONNE SKLAR</b>	621

There are 3,340 registered voters in Indian Wells. The number of ballots cast in the City is 2,935 making a turnout of 87.87%. The results indicate that Greg Sanders, Toper Taylor, and Brian Penna received the highest number of votes, respectively, for the City Councilmember 4-year term. In accordance with Elections Code 10265, following the adoption of the Resolution, the City Clerk or designee will administer an Oath of Office to the newly elected officers, who will then officially commence their terms of office.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):**

The action is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly; and that the action is nonetheless exempt from the requirements of CEQA in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. (14 CCR 15061(b)(3).)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution