



News Release

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The City of Hughson Cancels the 2016 General Municipal Election

A General Municipal Election was scheduled to be held in the City of Hughson on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of electing a Mayor for a term of two (2) years and electing two (2) Council members each for a term of four (4) years. At the close of the deadline for candidates to file nomination papers to run for these offices, the City of Hughson Election Official had only received nomination papers from one person to run for Mayor, Jeremy Young, and one person to run for City Council, Mark Fontana. No one filed nomination papers to run for the other Council position.

At a Special City Council meeting held on August 19, 2016, the Council was advised of two options available to the City to address this situation under California Election Code Section 10229. The first is to allow the election to go forward and address any vacancies after the November 8, 2016 election. The second was to cancel the uncontested election to save taxpayer money and appoint Mr. Young as Mayor and Mr. Fontana as a Council Member, and also appoint a qualified person as a Council Member for the remaining Council position. The terms for all three positions would commence after the November 8, 2016 election. The Council was advised that their decision must be made after proper notice was posted and published but no later than the close of business on Thursday, August 25, 2016.

At a Special City Council meeting held on August 25, 2016, the City Council voted to cancel the November 8, 2016 election for the positions of Mayor and two (2) City Council positions and made the following appointments:

Jeremy Young for the office of Mayor, for the full term of two (2) years, and
Mark D. Fontana for the office of Council Member, for the full term of four (4) years

Ramon Bawanan for the office of Council Member, for a full term of four (4) years.

The Council made this decision, in part, to avoid incurring the expense of an uncontested election. The estimated cost to hold the General Municipal Election was estimated by the Registrar of Voters between \$4,000 to \$15,000.

For more information please feel free to contact Susana Diaz, Management Analyst/Deputy City Clerk at City Hall, (209) 883-4054 or via email at sdiaz@hughson.org. Residents are also invited to attend City Council regular meetings at City Hall (7018 Pine Street) on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

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