RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERNON, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 10, 2018, DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election was held and conducted in the City of Vernon, California, on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, as required by law; and

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WHEREAS, notice of the election was given in time, form and manner as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, an election officer was appointed, vote-by-mail ballots were properly sent to all registered voters, and in all respects the election was held and conducted, the votes were cast, received and canvassed, and the returns were made and declared in the time, form and manner required by the City Charter and the Elections Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk canvassed the returns of the election and has certified the results to the City Council, which certification and results are received, attached and made a part hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERNON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Vernon hereby finds and determines that the above recitals are true and correct.

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SECTION 14: The City Clerk of the City of Vernon shall certify to the passage, approval and adoption of this resolution, and the City Clerk, of the City of Vernon shall cause this resolution and the City Clerk’s certification to be entered in the File of Resolutions of the Council of this City.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2018.

Name: Yvette Woodruff-Perez
Title: Mayor / Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:
Maria E. Ayala, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Zaynah Moussa,
Senior Deputy City Attorney
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I, Maria E. Ayala, City Clerk of the City of Vernon, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 2018-12, was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Vernon at a regular meeting of the City Council duly held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, and thereafter was duly signed by the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Vernon.

Executed this 23 day of April, 2018, at Vernon, California.

Maria E. Ayala, City Clerk

(SEAL)
EXHIBIT A-1

CITY OF VERNON – GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD APRIL 10, 2018

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Dated: April 16, 2018
EXHIBIT A-2

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Dated: April 16, 2018
STAFF REPORT
SUBJECT
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vernon, California, Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election held on April 10, 2018, Declaring the Result and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law

Recommendation:

*****NOTE*****
This staff report was updated based on the results from the Final Canvassing of the Votes that took place on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 3 p.m. in Council Chamber.

A. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") review, because each is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore do not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Moreover, even if the activity in question were a project, it would be exempt from CEQA review, in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and

B. Accept the Certificate of Canvass; and

C. Adopt a Resolution declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held April 10, 2018, declaring that William J. Davis is elected to the Office of Member of the City Council; and

D. Declaring that Measure R is approved; and

E. Authorize the City Clerk to deliver the Certificate of Election and administer the Oath of Office to William J. Davis.

Background:
On April 10, 2018, a General Municipal Election was held for the purpose of electing one (1) member to the City Council for the full term of five (5) years and to submit to the voters of the City of Vernon the following Measure:

Measure R: Shall an ordinance be adopted to authorize the levy of a 6% utility users’ tax on electricity, gas, telecommunications, video and water utility services for commercial/industrial customers, with exemptions for residential services, raising a total annual amount of $11.9 million for a duration of 10 years after the effective date?

As of the closing of the nomination period on January 16, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., William J. Davis and Marlene Elsa Ybarra were the only official candidates.

BALLOTS ISSUED:
On March 15, 2018, eighty-five (85) vote-by-mail ballots were mailed. Subsequently two (2) ballots were issued to two (2) additional registered voters based on the 15-Day "Close of Registration" deadline. Of these two voters identified/added prior to the close of registration, one (1) ballot was issued as a provisional ballot to the voter; and, one (1) ballot was issued as vote-by-mail. Additionally, two (2) provisional ballots were issued on April 10, 2018 to vote-by-mail voters who came to City Hall to cast their vote, and claimed to have not received their original vote-by-mail ballots in the mail. This brings the total ballots issued by the City to eighty-nine (89).

BALLOTS RECEIVED:
As of 8 p.m. on April 10, 2018 forty-eight (48) ballots were received. Of the forty-eight (48) ballots received: forty-two (42) were processed for signature verification by the County; thereby leaving a total of six (6) ballots pending signature verification processing. In accordance with California Elections Code Sections 3020 and 4103, the following ballots were received via U.S. Mail:
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  * April 12, 2018 - one (1) ballots

**Note:** Pursuant to the California Elections Code Section 3020(b), vote-by-mail ballots postmarked on or before the election date and received no later than three days after the election shall be timely cast. The City may also allow ballots received on Friday, April 13, 2018 in accordance with California Elections Code Sections 3020 and 4103. However, due to the time of publication of the agenda packet, and that City Hall is closed on Fridays staff did not have the information in time for publication. The number of ballots received on Friday, April 13, 2018, if any, will be provided as an update to this staff report no later than Monday, April 16, 2018, by the close of business.

BALLOTS CANVASSED:
On April 10, 2018 after the close of the Election at 8 p.m. forty-two (42) ballots were canvassed. The Semi-Final results are as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER SEAT
William J. Davis: 24
Marlene Elsa Ybarra: 18
Undervote: 0
Overvote: 0

MEASURE R
Yes: 26
No: 13
Undervote: 3
Overvote: 0

On April 16, 2018 at 3 p.m. eleven (11) ballots were canvassed. The Final results are as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER SEAT
William J. Davis: 6
Marlene Elsa Ybarra: 5
Undervote: 0
Overvote: 0

MEASURE R
Yes: 5
No: 3
Undervote: 3
Overvote: 0

**Note: An “undervote” is when the voter has declined to select a voting position.

The final official election results will be announced at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

**Fiscal Impact:**
None.

ATTACHMENTS
- April 10, 2018 Election Results-Resolution
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Title: Mayor / Mayor Pro-Tem

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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State of California )
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City of Vernon )

The Execution of this Oath is Required by Article XX, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of California.

I, WILLIAM J. DAVIS, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 2018

[Signature]
Signature of Officer Administering Oath

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