

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: September 6, 2011
FROM: John O. Tulloch, Interim City Clerk
SUBJECT: Report on the Regular Municipal Election of February 2012

On February 7, 2012, the City will hold its regular municipal election. Two seats on the City Council and three seats on the Board of Education will be on the Ballot. Mayor Barbieri will be leaving office and Councilmember Fujioka is eligible to run for an additional term. Board of Education member June Monach will be leaving office and Board Members Jones and Raushenbush are eligible to run for an additional term.

While our election date is set by the Charter, the deadlines for the election are set by the California Elections Code. As you can see, the deadline for publication of election matters is October 17, 2011 and the deadline for the filing of nomination papers for seats on either the City Council or the Board of Education is November 14, 2011.

Deadline to Publish or Post Notice of Election	October 17, 2011
Nomination Period	October 17-November 14, 2011*
Deadline for Direct Arguments on Measures	November 18, 2011
Deadline for Rebuttal Arguments on Measures	November 28, 2011*
Last Day to Register to Vote	January 23, 2012
Early Voting at the Registrar of Voters' Office	January 9-February 7, 2012
Election Day	February 7, 2012

The report of the Municipal Tax Review Committee will be presented to the Council in time to consider placing measures on the ballot. Should the Council wish to do so, two readings of the ordinance placing said measures on the ballot must occur prior to the publication deadline. Therefore, the Council must conduct the first reading on September 19th and the second reading on October 3rd in order to meet the deadline.

* The statutory deadline for filing nomination papers is November 11, 2011, and the deadline for filing rebuttal arguments is November 25, 2011. However as these dates fall on holidays, they are extended to the next business day, as the table above indicates.

The cost of the February election will either be borne completely by the City or divided between the City and the School District, if they have a competitive election. Should the Council wish to place any measures on the February ballot, there would be no additional charge to do so. Should the Council wish to put measures on the June ballot, the cost could range from \$24,500 to \$40,500 (\$3-\$5 per registered voter).

As the November ballot has many more jurisdictions participating, the cost is greatly reduced. Should the Council wish to put a measure on the November ballot, the cost would range between \$8,000 and \$17,000. The variation in possible costs is due to the Registrar of Voters not knowing how many agencies will put items on the ballot. The more agencies with items on the ballot, the smaller the cost per agency.