

**AN ORDER SCHEDULING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN
THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY, THE 2TH DAY
OF NOVEMBER, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE CITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1, REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2 AND
RESPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 3**

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1.
ELECTION ORDERED.**

In compliance with the Charter of the City of Socorro and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the City Council hereby orders that a general election be held on November 2, 2021, as authorized by section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, at which qualified voters residing within the City of Socorro may vote for the purpose of electing the District 1 Representative, District 2 Representative and District 3 Representative.

The general election shall be conducted by contract with the El Paso County Elections Department. The City Manager is authorized to approve and accept any agreements with the El Paso County Elections Department and to do all other things required for conduct of this Election.

**SECTION 2.
CANDIDATES**

Candidates may file an application for a place on the election ballot with the City Secretary or designee commencing on July 19, 2021, in the Socorro City Hall, located at 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927 during regular office hours on regular business days. The filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2021, pursuant to section 143.007 of the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 3.
BALLOT.**

The Socorro City Secretary/City Clerk shall coordinate procedures with the El Paso County Elections Department to ensure that ballots are prepared to be used in said election, on which ballots shall be printed the names of the candidates for the positions of District Representative 1, District Representative 2 and District 3 Representative of the City of Socorro. The ballots, and such other materials as may be required by Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code, shall be printed in English and in Spanish for use in said general election.

SECTION 4.

DRAWING FOR PLACES ON THE BALLOT.

In the event there are two or more candidates for the indicated positions, the order in which the names of such candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing to be conducted by the City Secretary; that at least 72 hours prior to the date and time on which the drawing is to be held, the City Secretary shall post a notice in the City Hall of the time and place of the drawing which shall remain posted continuously until after the drawing, and shall also give personal notice to any candidate who makes written request therefor and furnishes to the City Secretary a self-addressed stamped envelope; and that each candidate involved in the drawing or a representative designated by him or her shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing, pursuant to section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5.

EARLY VOTING CLERKS.

- (a) The El Paso County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk. The official mailing address is:
500 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite #314
El Paso, Texas 79901
Facsimile No.: (915) 546-2220
E-mail: ballotrequests@epcounty.com
- (b) The City Secretary of the City of Socorro shall serve as Chief Deputy Early Voting Clerk.
- (c) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Early Voting Clerk at the address, facsimile number, or e-mail address set out in subsection (a) above. The electronic transmission of a scanned application must contain an original signature.
- (d) Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 15 if the Applicant delivers the application in person pursuant to section 84.008 of the Election Code or on October 22, 2021, if the application is submitted by other means pursuant to section 84.007 of the Texas Election Code, except as otherwise provided by law. The date of submission of a scanned and e-mailed application for ballot by mail is determined by the date and time the e-mail was sent by the applicant. Late ballot voting shall be conducted pursuant to chapters 102 and 103 of the Election Code.

SECTION 6.
EARLY POLLING LOCATIONS.

Early voting shall be conducted at the locations and on the dates and times set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 7.
ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS.

Voting on Election Day shall be conducted at the polling places set forth in Exhibit "B," attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Election Day polling places shall be kept open on November 2, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 8.
VOTING SYSTEM.

- (a) An electronic voting system, as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for voting at the polling places at said election and for counting the ballots and the tabulation of the results. The conduct of the election and the use of the electronic voting system shall be in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The voting system shall be accessible to disabled voters, pursuant to Chapter 61 of the Texas Election Code.
- (b) The El Paso County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite #314, El Paso, Texas 79901, is hereby established as the Central Counting Station for the ballots cast in said election.
- (c) An individual having knowledge and experience in the conduct of elections with the electronic voting system for which the Central Counting Station is established shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as the Manager of the Central Counting Station. The Manager shall be in charge of overall administration of the Central Counting Station and the general supervision of the personnel working at the Station.
- (d) An individual, trained in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment installed at the Central Counting Station, shall be appointed by El Paso County Elections Department as Tabulation Supervisor. The Tabulation Supervisor shall be in charge of the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment.
- (e) An individual shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as Assistant to the Tabulation Supervisor. Such assistant shall assist the Tabulation Supervisor in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment as directed by the Tabulation Supervisor.

- (f) An individual shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station. He shall maintain order at the Central Counting Station and shall have such authority as may be prescribed by the Texas Election Code.
- (g) Due returns shall be made to the City Council showing the number of votes cast for the office.

SECTION 9.
ELECTION BY MAJORITY.

The candidate receiving more than 50% of votes cast for the office for which he or she is a candidate shall be elected to such office. In the event of a tie or if no candidate receives more than 50% of votes cast, the City Council shall issue a call, proclamation and notice for a second election, as required by law, on such other date as may be set in conjunction with the El Paso County Elections Administrator and in accordance with the Texas Election Code, to fill that office. At such second election, the names of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the first election, at which no one was elected, shall be printed on the ballot and shall again be voted for.

SECTION 10.
PROCLAMATION.

This order shall constitute the proclamation, call, notice and ordinance calling and ordering said election.

SECTION 11.
PUBLICATION.

Notice of said election shall be given by publishing a Notice of Election, in English and in Spanish, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before Election Day in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, pursuant to section 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be posted on the City's board used for posting notices of the meeting of the Socorro City Council not later than the 21st day before Election Day, and shall remain posted continuously through Election Day, pursuant to section 4.003(b) of the Texas Election Code.

Notice of this election shall be delivered to the County Clerk of El Paso County and the El Paso County Elections Administrator not later than the 60th day before Election Day, pursuant to the section 4.008 of the Texas Election Code.

Notice of this election shall also be posted on the City of Socorro Internet website.

SECTION 12.
NOTICE.

That the way and manner of holding said election, the notice to be given therefor, the polling places, the personnel and the officers who are to hold same, and all details connected with the holding of the election shall be provided for and arranged by the City Secretary; that the proper notice and publication of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance shall be only cumulative of and in addition to the statutory notice of said election as herein provided; and that any omission or irregularity in this notice or in the publication or posting of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance, or in the signing of same, shall not in any way affect or invalidate such election.

SECTION 13.
CONTROLLING LAW.

That in all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Texas Election Code, the City Charter of the City of Socorro and applicable City of Socorro Ordinances.


SECTION 14.
OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this order was adopted and said election was called was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 15.
EFFECTIVE DATE.

That this election order, proclamation, call and notice shall take effect upon adoption.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

By: 
Ivy Avalos, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

James A. Martinez, City Attorney

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE: _____, 2021.

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EXHIBIT "A"

**CITY OF SOCORRO NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTION
EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS**

Early Voting. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on the following dates and times and at the following locations:

October _____

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day at 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, TX 79927. *

*Emergency and Limited ballots available at this location only.