

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1114**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELMONT ESTABLISHING A NEW MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE**

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 700, adopted on May 11, 1982, established a general municipal election date that was not concurrent with statewide elections; and

WHEREAS, following the enactment of Senate Bill No. 415, all California cities with municipal elections held in a year that was not concurrent with statewide elections and resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout must align its municipal elections with the statewide elections beginning in 2018 or have a plan in place to do so by 2022; and

WHEREAS, there has been a “significant decrease in voter turnout” which is at least 25% less than the average of the previous four statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to align the City’s general municipal elections with statewide elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

#### **SECTION 1. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

(a) After the operative date of this ordinance, the General Municipal Election for the City of Belmont shall be held on the same date as the Statewide general election.

(b) In accordance with Elections Code Section 10403.5, the term of office for City Councilmembers elected at the November 2013 and 2015 general municipal elections is increased by 12 months to 5 years. The term of office for all councilmembers elected thereafter, respectively, is 4 years.

(c) In accordance with Elections Code Section 10403.5, and except as provided in subsection (d), the term of office for the City Clerk and City Treasurer elected at the November 2015 general municipal election is increased by 12 months to 5 years. The term of office for both offices thereafter is 4 years.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), if by the November 2019 election the electors vote to make the City Clerk or City Treasurer an appointive office under Government Code Section 36508, then the term of the elective office made appointive is not increased.

#### **SECTION 2. CEQA.**

Exemption. The City Council finds, under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3), that this ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that it is not a Project which has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The Council therefore directs that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Alameda County Clerk in accordance with the CEQA guidelines.

#### **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect and will be enforced thirty (30) days after its adoption.

#### SECTION 4. PUBLICATION AND POSTING

Publication of summary. The City Clerk has caused to be published a summary of this ordinance, prepared by the City Attorney under Government Code Section 36933, subdivision (c), once, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in San Mateo County and circulated in the City of Belmont, at least five days before the date of adoption. A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance was posted in the office of the City Clerk since at least five days before this date of adoption. Within 15 days after adoption of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall cause the summary of this ordinance to be published again with the names of those City Council members voting for and against the ordinance; and the City Clerk shall post in the office of the City Clerk a certified copy of the full text of this adopted ordinance with the names of those City Council members voting for and against the ordinance.

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The City Council of the City of Belmont, California introduced the foregoing ordinance, on January 10, 2017 and adopted the ordinance at a regular meeting held on January 24, 2017 by the following vote:

Ayes: Hurt, Kim, Reed, Lieberman, Stone

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney