RESOLUTION NO. 2712 -2016

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY MOVING TO EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA VOTER PARTICIPATION RIGHTS ACT

WHEREAS, the Town of Portola Valley currently holds its municipal elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years, which is an established election date under state law, but is not concurrent with statewide elections that take place in even-numbered years;

WHEREAS, the California Voter Participation Rights Act (SB 415) requires local agencies to hold elections on statewide even-numbered year election dates if holding elections in an odd-numbered years has resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout;

WHEREAS, a significant decrease in voter turnout is defined as voter turnout that is at least 25 percent less than the average voter turnout for the previous four statewide general elections;

WHEREAS, voter turnout in the Town of Portola Valley for the 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015 elections was more than 25 percent lower than the average voter turnout within the Town of Portola Valley for the previous four statewide general elections;

WHEREAS, changing the election date and consolidating with statewide even-numbered year general elections will comply with the California Voter Participation Rights Act and will promote increased voter participation;

WHEREAS, the terms of three members of the Town Council are set to expire in November of 2017 and the terms of two members of the Town Council are set to expire in November 2019; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the change to elections in even-numbered years, the Elections Code provides that all incumbent Council members' terms may be extended by one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley does hereby **RESOLVE** as follows:

1. To consolidate municipal elections with even-numbered year statewide general elections in accordance with the California Voter Rights Participation Act beginning with the statewide general election to be held on November 6, 2018.

2. To authorize the Town's Election Officer to submit this Resolution to the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors for approval no later than 240 days before the date of the next scheduled municipal election.

3. To direct Town staff to bring back an ordinance amending Chapter 2.32, General Municipal Elections, to reflect and codify the change to municipal election dates and to provide the required notice to voters.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of October, 2016.

INTRODUCED: October 12, 2016

PASSED: October 26, 2016

AYES: Councilmembers Aalfs, Wengert, Richards, Vice Mayor Hughes and Mayor Derwin

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

By: _____
     Maryann Derwin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the above is
a true copy
of _____
Date ____11/1/2016____
        Town Clerk
     By