RESOLUTION NO. R2023.127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, CALLING AND ORDERING A PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 12, 2024, AND A REGULAR (GENERAL) ELECTION, IF NECESSARY, TO BE HELD ON MAY 21, 2024.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tempe City Charter and state statute, the City's next regularly scheduled elections will be held on March 12, 2024, and May 21, 2024, for the purpose of nominating and/or electing the Mayor and three members of the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Tempe City Charter, Article VII, states that in the event that no more than two candidates file nomination petitions for each vacancy in office, the primary election may be dispensed with. If no primary election is required due to the number of candidates filing nomination petitions for each vacancy in office, the regular city election shall be held at the time that the primary election would have otherwise been held;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

- <u>SECTION 1</u>. That there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Tempe, Arizona, on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, a primary election, and, if necessary, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, a general election for the purpose of nominating and/or electing the Mayor and three (3) Members of the City Council for the full term of four years each.
- <u>SECTION 2</u>. That the March 12, 2024, Primary Election and the May 21, 2024, General Election shall be conducted as Ballot by Mail elections.
- SECTION 3. That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.
- SECTION 4. That the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to procure any and all election services including official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.
- <u>SECTION 5</u>. That candidate nomination paperwork and candidate information packets are currently available by appointment with the City Clerk in the Tempe City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.
- SECTION 6. The first day to file candidate nomination paperwork in the City Clerk's Office is October 16, 2023. The deadline to file candidate nomination paperwork is 5:00 p.m. on November 13, 2023, in the City Clerk's Office.
- SECTION 7. That pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.01 of the City Charter, if no more than six candidates file nomination petitions for the three vacant City Council seats and are

certified for the ballot, the primary election shall be dispensed with, and the general election shall be held at the time that the primary election would have been held, on March 12, 2024.

<u>SECTION 8</u>. That notwithstanding Section 7 of this resolution, and pursuant to the requirements of Section 13-4 of the City Code, any candidate receiving a majority of all the votes cast at the primary election will be declared elected to office effective as of the date of the general election, and no further election shall be held for that office.

SECTION 9. That pursuant to the requirements of Section 2.01 of the City Charter, the term of office for the candidates declared elected to office shall commence at the first regular meeting of the City Council in July following their election and, except as otherwise provided for by the City Charter and state law, shall be for a period of four (4) years or until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 10. Currently the deadline for voter registration for the primary election is February 12, 2024. The deadline for voter registration for the general election, if necessary, is April 22, 2024. (These dates are subject to change.)

SECTION 11. That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 12. That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by the election laws of the State of Arizona, except as otherwise provided by the City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA this 7th day of September, 2023.

Corey D. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kara A. DeArrastia, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia M. Blain, City Attorney