

AGENDA

**TEMECULA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
41000 MAIN STREET
TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 20, 2026 - 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jessica Alexander

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Jessica Alexander

ROLL CALL: Alexander, Kalfus, Rahn, Schwank, Stewart

BUSINESS

Any member of the public may address the City Council on items that appear on the Business portion of the agenda. Each speaker is limited to 5 minutes. Public comments may be made in person, virtually or by email. For in person comments, a speaker card may be submitted to the City Clerk. Speaker cards will be called in the order received. Still images may be displayed on the projector. All other audio and visual use is prohibited. For virtual comments, the public may join online at <https://TemeculaCA.gov/CityCouncilZoom> and raise their virtual hand when the item is called. Public comments may also be submitted by email to CouncilComments@temeculaca.gov for inclusion into the record. Email comments must be received prior to the time the item is called for public comments. All public participation is governed by Council Policy regarding Public Participation at Meetings adopted by Resolution No. 2021-54.

1. Consider Options to Appoint Unopposed Candidates and Cancel the Portion of the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election for Districts 1 and 3

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution providing for the appointment of the lone nominated individuals to the offices of Districts 1 and 3 and cancel the election for those offices that was to be held on November 3, 2026, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10229; or
2. Take no action, with the result that the election for the offices of Districts 1 and 3 will proceed to election to be held on November 3, 2026.

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ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., for a Closed Session, with regular session commencing at 3:00 p.m., at the Council Chambers located at 41000 Main Street, Temecula, California.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The full agenda packet (including staff reports, public closed session information, and any supplemental material available after the original posting of the agenda), distributed to a majority of the City Council regarding any item on the agenda, will be available for public viewing in the main reception area of the Temecula Civic Center during normal business hours at least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting or 24 hours prior to a special meeting. The material will also be available on the City's website at TemeculaCa.gov. and available for review at the respective meeting. If you have questions regarding any item on the agenda, please contact the City Clerk's Department at (951) 694-6444.

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

DATE: August 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Options to Appoint Unopposed Candidates and Cancel the Portion of the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election for Districts 1 and 3

PREPARED BY: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

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2. Take no action, with the result that the election for the offices of Districts 1 and 3 will proceed to election to be held on November 3, 2026.

BACKGROUND: The City of Temecula will conduct a general municipal election on November 3, 2026. The City has five electoral districts. Districts 1, 3 and 5 are on the November 2026 ballot. Districts 2 and 4 will be on the November 2028 ballot. As of the close of the nomination period on August 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., District 1 has one candidate (incumbent), District 3 has one candidate (incumbent), and District 5 has four candidates (including incumbent). As such, Districts 1 and 3 are uncontested.

Elections Code §10229 governs uncontested municipal elections. Following amendments enacted by AB 1784 effective January 1, 2025, subdivision (a) separately addresses citywide offices, legislative district offices, and at-large offices. When only one person is nominated for a legislative district office, the elections official certifies the facts to the governing body, which may (1) appoint the candidate, (2) appoint an elector if no candidate filed, or (3) proceed with the election.

If the first option is selected, the following is required before the appointment: (1) certification by the election official; (2) public notice under Gov. Code §6061; (3) five-day waiting period; and (4) appointment before the 75th day prior to the election. After appointment, write-in candidacies are no longer accepted for that office under §10229(c). Subdivision (d) expressly states that an appointment made in one legislative district does not affect the conduct of the municipal election in other legislative districts. Thus, appointments and elections may occur simultaneously in different districts and District 5 will proceed to election regardless.

In accordance with Elections Code §10229 the following has occurred:

- (1) City Clerk has certified that as of the close of the nomination period on August 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., District 1 has one candidate (incumbent) and District 3 has one candidate (incumbent), as such, Districts 1 and 3 are uncontested;
- (2) On August 13, 2026, the City published a notice, in English and Spanish, in the Riverside Press Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to law, entitled “CITY OF TEMECULA NOTICE THAT HERE ARE NOT MORE CANDIDATES THAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED;”
- (3) August 20, 2026 is more than five (5) days following the publication of the Notice; and
- (4) August 20, 2026 is prior to 75 days before the November 3, 2026 municipal election.

It is therefore recommended that the City Council (1) adopt a resolution providing for the appointment of the lone nominated individuals to the offices of Districts 1 and 3 and cancel the election for those offices that was to be held on November 3, 2026, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10229; or (2) take no action, with the result that the election for the offices of Districts 1 and 3 will proceed to election to be held on November 3, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT: While the exact amount is unknown, as the City has not received an estimate for the conduct of the November 2026 election from the Riverside Registrar of Voters, a cost savings is expected should the appointment option be selected.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Notice of Insufficient Nominees (English and Spanish)
3. City Clerk’s Certification

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LONE NOMINATED INDIVIDUALS TO THE OFFICES FOR DISTRICTS 1 AND 3 AND CANCELLING THE ELECTION FOR THOSE OFFICES THAT WAS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10229

WHEREAS, a municipal election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to fill the offices of Districts 1 and 3 of the City of Temecula; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk gave notice of the election for these offices on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the nomination period for said offices began on July 13, 2026 and ended on August 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as of August 7, 2026, only one person had been nominated for each of the offices of Districts 1 and 3; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has submitted a certification of the above facts to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, as of the close of the nomination period on August 7, 2026, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected and that §10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council:

1. Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated.
2. Appoint to the office any eligible voter if no one has been nominated.
3. Hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

WHEREAS, a notice declaring an insufficient number of nominees was published in English and Spanish on August 13, 2026 in the Riverside Press Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to law.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That pursuant to § 10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the following persons are hereby appointed to the offices to which they were nominated for a term of four years each:

District 1 – Matt Rahn

District 2 – Brenden Kalfus

Section 2. The election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 for the offices of District 1 and District 3 only is hereby canceled. District 5 will proceed to election.

Section 3. The persons appointed shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.

Section 4. The recitals set forth in the “whereas” clauses of this Resolution are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Temecula this 20th day of August, 2026.

Jessica Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Randi Johl, City Clerk

[SEAL]

**CITY OF TEMECULA
NOTICE THAT THERE ARE
NOT MORE CANDIDATES THAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, relating to the General Municipal Election in the City of Temecula to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026:

As of the close of the nomination period on August 7, 2026, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected in District 1 and District 3.

The persons so nominated are Matt Rahn for District 1 and Brenden Kalfus for District 3.

That Section 10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council:

1. Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated.
2. Appoint to the office any eligible voter if no one has been nominated.
3. Hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

No. 2 is not applicable because one individual has been nominated for District 1 and District 3.

The City Council will meet at a special meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 9:00am via Zoom at <https://temeculaca.gov/CityCouncilZoom> to take one of the above courses of action as allowed by EC 10229. An agenda will be posted on the City's website and available through the City Clerk's Office. The persons appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.

If, by the 75th day before the municipal election, no person has been appointed to the offices pursuant to (1) or (2) above, the election shall be held.

If the City Council makes an appointment pursuant to Section 10229, Elections Code, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy that is submitted after the appointment is made.

Randi Juhl, City Clerk
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CIUDAD DE TEMECULA
AVISO DE QUE NO HAY
MÁS CANDIDATOS QUE CARGOS A ELEGIR

POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que, de conformidad con la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral del Estado de California, relativa a la Elección Municipal General de la Ciudad de Temecula que se celebrará el martes 3 de noviembre de 2026:

Al cierre del período de nominaciones el 7 de agosto de 2026, no hay más candidatos que cargos a elegir en el Distrito 1 y el Distrito 3.

Las personas nominadas son Matt Rahn para el Distrito 1 y Brenden Kalfus para el Distrito 3.

Que la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral permite al Concejo Municipal adoptar una de las siguientes medidas:

1. Nombrar para el cargo a la persona que ha sido nominada.
2. Nombrar para el cargo a cualquier votante elegible si nadie ha sido nominado.
3. Llevar a cabo la elección si no ha sido nominada ninguna persona o si solo ha sido nominada una persona.

La opción núm. 2 no es aplicable porque una persona ha sido nominada para el Distrito 1 y el Distrito 3.

El Concejo Municipal celebrará una reunión especial el jueves 20 de agosto de 2026 a las 9:00 a. m., mediante Zoom en <https://temeculaca.gov/CityCouncilZoom>, para adoptar una de las medidas anteriores permitidas por la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral. La agenda se publicará en el sitio web de la Ciudad y estará disponible a través de la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal. Las personas nombradas, si las hubiera, reunirán los requisitos, tomarán posesión del cargo y ejercerán sus funciones exactamente como si hubieran sido elegidas en una elección municipal para dicho cargo.

Si, a más tardar el día 75 antes de la elección municipal, no se ha nombrado a ninguna persona para los cargos de conformidad con los puntos (1) o (2) anteriores, se celebrará la elección.

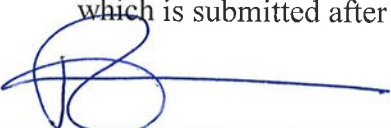
Si el Concejo Municipal realiza un nombramiento de conformidad con la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral, la Secretaría Municipal no aceptará para su presentación ninguna declaración de candidatura por escrito (write-in) que se presente después de que se haya realizado el nombramiento.

Randi Johl, Secretaria Municipal
The Press-Enterprise
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**CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION THAT THERE ARE NOT MORE CANDIDATES
THAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED**

I, Randi Johl, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10229, to the following facts relating to the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday November 3, 2026:

1. A general municipal election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to fill the offices of Districts 1 and 3 of the City of Temecula;
2. The City Clerk gave notice of the election for these offices on July 7, 2026; and
3. The nomination period for said offices began on July 13, 2026 and ended on August 7, 2026;
4. As of August 7, 2026, only one person had been nominated for each of the offices of Districts 1 and 3;
5. The City Clerk has submitted a certification of the above facts to the City Council;
6. Pursuant to §10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, as of the close of the nomination period on August 7, 2026, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected for District 1 and District 3 and that §10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council; a) appoint to the office the person who has been nominated; b) appoint to the office any eligible voter if no one has been nominated; or c) hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated;
7. A notice declaring an insufficient number of nominees and the facts certified in this Certificate was published in English and Spanish on August 13, 2026 in the Riverside Press Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to law;
8. After the fifth day following the date of publication, the City Council will meet to either make the appointments or direct an election to be held;
9. The persons appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office;
10. If, by the 75th day before the municipal election, no person has been appointed to the offices, the election shall be held; and
11. If the Council makes an appointment pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10229, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy, which is submitted after the appointment is made.



Randi Johl
City Clerk, City of Temecula