



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 11, 2024

Re: Declaring the Results of the April 2, 2024 Municipal Election and Special Election to Consider the Recall of the Council Member for Ward 1

## Executive Summary

This resolution formally declares the results of the April 2, 2024 municipal election and special election consider the recall of the Council Member for Ward 1.

## Discussion

On April 2, 2024, votes were cast for the following municipal officers:

### **Council Member, Second Ward**

Lisa Meyer	1,350
Robert Schreiber III	999
None	1
Lucio Bitoy	26
L. Bitoy	1
Lucio Bitoy IV	13
Bitoy	1
David Freitag	1

### **Council Member, Sixth Ward**

Betsy Peters	1,049
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Based on the results of the election, Lisa Meyer was duly elected Council member of Ward 2 and Betsy Peters was duly elected Council member of Ward 6.

Furthermore, on April 2, 2024, the voters approved the following proposition:

Proposition 1: Shall Ward 1 Council Member Nick Knoth be removed from office?

A resolution has been prepared to formally declare the municipal and special election results as certified by County Clerk Brianna L. Lennon. Approval of the election results by Council is not required; however, staff prepares the resolution declaring the election results to create a permanent City record to track the outcome of an election.



## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The cost is based on the various entities who have placed an item on the ballot for any particular election. The City's pre-payment cost for the April election for the election of Ward 2 and Ward 6 Council members and the recall of the First Ward Council member was \$30,579.65.

In April 2022, the City's proportionate share for the costs relating to the municipal and special elections was \$65,383.33 with 18 entities having items on the ballot. City of Columbia election items in 2022 included filling positions for the Mayor, Council members for Ward 3 and Ward 4 and local use tax – with the Mayor and local use tax both being city-wide ballot measures. The cost for the August 2022 municipal special election for the Ward 3 candidate was \$20,591.50 with two entities participating.

Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### [Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
01/16/2024	B1-24 (Ordinance No. 025561): Calling a special election to consider the recall of the Council Member for Ward 1.
01/16/2024	B311-23 (Ordinance No. 025550): Calling a municipal election to elect Council Members for Wards 2 and 6 for the City of Columbia.

## Suggested Council Action

Adoption of the resolution.