



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Mayor Kristine Lowe | Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss
Council Member Edward Garcia | Council Member Kelly Kriebs | Council Member Robert Parkhurst**

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 5:30 PM

City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

**Council Member Parkhurst will participate remotely from
Inn at the Vines, 100 Soscol Avenue
Napa, California 94559**

**The public may participate in this meeting via Zoom by using this link:
Zoom Link to Participate in City Council meeting**

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PUBLIC COMMENT & ACCESS

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. As an alternative, public comment may be submitted by e-mail to publiccomment@sierramadrecal.gov by 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the City Council meeting, filed into public record, and scanned onto the City website for public review.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION

3. ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kristine Lowe, Mayor

Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem

Edward Garcia, Council Member

Kelly Kriebs, Council Member

Robert Parkhurst, Council Member

4. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

5. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FROM CITY CLERK REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Any person wishing to speak before the City Council is asked to complete a Speaker Card and provide it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers are generally limited to three (3) minutes per person and time may not be delegated; any changes to the allotted time will be announced prior to the Public Comment period. Under the Brown Act, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the posted agenda.

Addressing the City Council from the audience is not permitted; all comments addressing the Council must be made from the podium. Only public comment made from the podium will be recognized by the City Council and entered into public record.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Resolution No. 26-82 Cancelling the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election and Appointing Nominees to the City Council**

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council will immediately adjourn to a Special Meeting Closed Session August 19, 2026

Date Posted: August 17, 2026



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

STAFF REPORT

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE: August 19, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Laura Aguilar, City Clerk
By: Laura Aguilar, City Clerk

SUBJECT: **Resolution No. 26-82 Cancelling the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election and Appointing Nominees to the City Council**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 26-82 (Attachment 1) appointing Thomas S. Denison, Kris Lowe, and Geoff Woods to the Office of the City Council for a full term of four-years, and cancelling the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election contest for Offices of the City Council, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10229.

SUMMARY

On June 9, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-53, calling and giving notice of the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held in Sierra Madre on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing three (3) Members of the City Council for a full term of 4 years. The nomination period for filing election papers was July 13, 2026 through August 7, 2026. By the August 7, 2026 deadline, only three nomination packets were submitted to the City Clerk, one of which was for incumbent Kris Lowe. The remaining two nomination packets received were for Thomas S. Denison and Geoff Woods. On August 14, 2026, the City Clerk posted a notice in the Mountain Views News giving notice of the Special Notice (Attachment 2).

DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

Elections Code Section 10229 provides that if by the statutory nomination filing deadline, no one or only one person has been nominated for any office, and there is no citywide contested race, then the City Clerk shall certify those facts to the City Council and publish a notice of the same. More than five days after publication, the City Council may take one of three courses of action for each of the offices:

1. Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated.
2. Appoint to the office an eligible voter if no one has been nominated.
3. Hold the election for the office.

If no one is appointed by the 75th day before the election (August 20, 2026), then the Elections Code requires that the election for office be held. If appointed, Thomas S. Denison, Kris Lowe, and Geoff Woods would take office and serve exactly as if elected at the November 3, 2026, Election.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

Strategic Objective: Promote an unparalleled quality of life with an engaged and collaborative culture.

- Goal 2. Improve Communication and Collaboration
- Goal 3. Provide Education on Critical Civic Issues

Strategic Objective: Build an organization that is innovative, financially stable, and consistently delivers a high level of service.

- Goal 2. Build on Fiscal Stability

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Not a CEQA Project under: 14 CCR 15378(b)(5)- organizational or administrative activities

FISCAL IMPACT

Based on the estimates using the County's Election Estimating Calculator, cancelling the election and proceeding to appointments will result in a cost savings of approximately \$65,000. This expenditure was budgeted in the approved FY 2026-2027 budget under Election Services account number 10000.12000.53402.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike".

Michael Bruckner
City Manager

Attachments

[RESOLUTION 26-82 cancelling election and appointing nominees.pdf](#)

[PROOF OF PUBLICATION - Mountain Views News Notice for Special Meeting to Appoint Nominees and Cancel Election.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING THOMAS S. DENISON, KRIS LOWE, AND GEOFF WOODS TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL FOR A FULL TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND CANCELLING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONTEST FOR OFFICES OF CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10229

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-53, calling and giving notice of the holding of a general municipal election for the purpose of electing three members of the City Council for the full term of four years; and

WHEREAS, as of the close of the nomination period for the office of City Council on Friday, August 7, 2026, only three persons had been nominated and filed nomination papers to run for the office of City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10229 of the California Elections Code, the City Council may take one of the following courses of action:

- 1. Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated, or
- 2. Hold the election for the office.

WHEREAS, to California Elections Code Section 10229, if by the 75th day before the scheduled General Municipal Election (November 3, 2026), no person has been appointed to an office pursuant to (1) above, then the election for that office must be held ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10229 of the California Elections Code, a notice was published noticing a Special Meeting for appointing nominees and cancelling the General Municipal Election, in the August 15, 2026 edition of in the Mountain Views News, providing notice of these facts and the courses of action available to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, if the City Council makes an appointment pursuant to Section 10229 of the California Elections Code, the City Clerk/ Elections Official shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy for that office which is submitted after the appointment is made; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The recitals listed are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Appointment. Pursuant to Section 10229(a)(1) of the California Elections Code, the following action is taken:

The following persons are appointed to the office to which each was nominated, pursuant to Section 10229(a)(1) of the California Elections Code:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
THOMAS S. DENISON	COUNCIL MEMBER	FULL FOUR-YEAR TERM
KRIS LOWE	COUNCIL MEMBER	FULL FOUR-YEAR TERM
GEOFF J. WOODS	COUNCIL MEMBER	FULL FOUR-YEAR TERM

SECTION 3. Cancellation of Election. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10229, the election scheduled to be held on November 3, 2026, to elect three (3) candidates for Councilmember is hereby cancelled because the City Council has made the above appointments.

SECTION 4. Assuming Office. The persons appointed shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at the General Municipal Election for the office.

SECTION 5. Candidate Costs. All previous resolutions establishing City Council policy on payment for candidate’s statements are repealed.

SECTION 6. Reimbursement. The City of Sierra Madre shall reimburse the County of Los Angeles Registrar of Voters for the cost of services performed relative to the conduct of the General Municipal Election, after completion of all work and upon presentation to the City of a properly detailed bill.

SECTION 7. Filing. The City Clerk of the City of Sierra Madre is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 8. Severability. If any sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution or any part hereof or exhibit hereto is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution or any part thereof or exhibit thereto. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 9. Certification. Pursuant to Government Code Section 36932, the City Clerk shall certify the passage, approval, and adoption of this Resolution by the City Council.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Kristine Lowe, Mayor
City of Sierra Madre

ATTEST:

Laura Aguilar, City Clerk
City of Sierra Madre

Approved as to form:

Aleks Giragosian, City Attorney
City of Sierra Madre

PROOF OF PUBLICATION (§2015.5 CCP)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Los Angeles

I am a citizen of the United States over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principle clerk of the publisher of the MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of SIERRA MADRE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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Dates Published:

Saturday, August 15, 2026

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2026
Sierra Madre, California



H. Susan Henderson, Mountain Views News

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO APPOINT THOMAS S. DENISON, KRIS LOWE, AND GEOFF WOODS TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL AND CANCELLING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10229

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will hold a Special Meeting to discuss appointing Thomas S. Denison, Kris Lowe, and Geoff Woods to the Office of City Council for a full term of four years, and cancelling the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10229.

Pursuant to Section 102229 of the California Elections Code, the City Council may take one of the following courses of action:

1. Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated, or
2. Hold the election for the office.

Meeting Date and Time

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers
 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
 Sierra Madre, CA 91024

For more information, please contact City Clerk Laura Aguilar at (626) 355-7135 or via e-mail at CityClerk@SierraMadreCA.gov

Laura Aguilar
City Clerk, Elections Official

Posted August 14, 2026