RESOLUTION NO. 4098-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION OF ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FROM DISTRICT 1 FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM, ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FROM DISTRICT 4 FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM, AND ONE (1) AT-LARGE MAYOR OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM; AND REQUESTING THAT THE SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSENT TO CONSOLIDATION BY THE SONOMA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING THE SONOMA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO CANVASS THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, ELECTION

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2018, the Town Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to begin the process of transitioning to a district-based election system and adopting the schedule for public hearings to conform to the requirements of California Elections Code Section 10010; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2019, the Town Council, adopted Ordinance No. 2019-332 which established and sequenced a district-based election system for four (4) Council Districts and an at-large elected Mayor pursuant to California Elections Code 10010 and California Government Codes 34871(c) and 34886; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2019, the District Boundaries were adjusted by Ordinance No. 2019-336 to include an area located north of Arata Lane that was annexed into Town Limits following adoption of Ordinance 2019-332; and

WHEREAS, every 10 years, the U.S. Census revises their census blocks and local governments are required to reflect how local populations have changed; and

WHEREAS, based on the 2020 U.S. Census the Town held several required public hearings (as required by California Elections Code section 21607.1), to receive public input regarding the number of districts and the composition of the districts; and

WHEREAS, at their March 16, 2022, regular meeting, the Town Council adopted their preferred map through Ordinance No. 2022-360; and

WHEREAS, On June 15, 2022, the Town Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-363 amending Section 1-2-210, "District Election Schedule," of the Windsor Municipal Code, and declaring, pursuant to California Government Code section 34906, that the Council seat for District 2, chosen by random selection, subject to election at the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election, shall serve a two-year term in order to evenly stagger Town Council seats subject to election in the future; and

WHEREAS, the shortened two-year term would only be for one term, with the Council seat

returning to a four-year term starting in 2024; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a Municipal Election shall be held on November 3, 2026 for the election of one (1) member of the Town Council from District 1 for a four-year term, one (1) member of the Town Council from District 4 for a four-year term, and one (1) At-large Mayor of the Town Council for a two-year term; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10400 provides that the Town Council may request that the County Board of Supervisors consolidate said General Municipal Election with the statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 10400, 10402 and 10403 of the Elections Code of the State of California, it is in the best public interest of the Town to consolidate the Town of Windsor General Municipal Election with the Statewide Election to be held on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the terms of three (3) members of the Town Council will expire and with district-based elections, the positions must be filled accordingly; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 12109 provides that the governing body of the Town of Windsor shall give notice of the designation of a central county place for the voted ballots of the Windsor General Municipal Election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby adopted.

2. That the Town Council of the Town of Windsor hereby calls for a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

3. That pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 10400, 10402, and 10403, it is in the best public interest to consolidate the Windsor General Municipal Election with the Statewide Election to be held on November 3, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

1. That pursuant to the requirements of Section 10403 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of a district-based municipal election of one (1) member of the Town Council from District 1 for a four-year term, one (1) member of the Town Council from District 4 for a four-year term, and one (1) At-large Mayor of the Town Council for a two-year term.

2. That the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters is authorized to canvass the results of the General Municipal Election. That the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters is authorized to specify the location for the tally of ballots and certify the results to the Town Clerk of the

Town of Windsor. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used in the form and content required by law.

3. That the polls for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 p.m. on the same day when the polls shall be closed except as provided for in Section 14401 of the Elections Code.

4. That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections. The Town Council acknowledges that the consolidated election will be conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code Section 10418.

5. That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters and enter this resolution into the book of original resolutions.

6. That the Town Manager is authorized and directed to compensate the County for the cost of conducting the General Municipal Election for the Town.

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of June 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: **COUNCILMEMBERS LEEP, SALMON, VICE MAYOR POTTER AND MAYOR REYNOZA**
NOES: **NONE**
ABSTAIN: **NONE**
ABSENT: **COUNCILMEMBER WALL**

ROSA REYNOZA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

IRENE CAMACHO-WERBY, TOWN CLERK