

RESOLUTION NO. CC-2410-089

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA,
PROVIDING FOR A PROCEDURE TO RESOLVE TIE
VOTES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES AT GENERAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REDONDO
BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, §15651(a) of the Elections Code of the State of California authorizes the City Council, by majority vote, to provide for a procedure to resolve tie votes involving those candidates who received an equal number of votes at any Municipal Election held within the City of Redondo Beach; and

WHEREAS, Article XVIII Elections, Section 18.4(A) of the Redondo Beach City Charter states that the City Council must by ordinance provide for an instant runoff voting system in the elections of each city elective office listed in Article VI, Article VIII, and Article X. A majority (more than half) of the votes cast for all candidates, or a majority of the operative votes on continuing ballots in subsequent rounds, is required for the election of a candidate to each such office as determined by an instant runoff voting system process detailed in the ordinance the council must enact; and

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2024, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3275-24, relating to the Redondo Beach Municipal Code, Title 2, Chapter 2, Article 4, - Elections – Instant Runoff Voting, to use Ranked Choice Voting certified by California Secretary of State as the Instant Runoff Voting system for the Municipal Elective Office.

WHEREAS, In accordance with Article XVII, Elections, Section 18.4(B) of the Redondo Beach City Charter states that members of the Board of Education shall continue to be elected by a plurality of votes cast.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. For Rank Choice Voting, also known as Instant Runoff Voting, at the end of a round, in the event that two or more candidates tie for the fewest number of votes, the candidate to eliminate shall be chosen by lot. If there are only two candidates in the final round and they are tied, the winner will be the candidate who received the higher number of votes in round one, for Municipal Elective Offices as dictated in Section 2-2.405 Ties of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code

SECTION 2. In the event that there are only two qualified candidates in a race for a Municipal Elective Office receive an equal number of votes creating a tie, the tie shall be resolved as outlined in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

SECTION 3. In the event two or more candidates for a position on the Board of Education receive an equal number of votes creating a tie for the qualified positions, the tie shall be resolved as outlined in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

SECTION 4. That the provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 shall apply at the next ensuing municipal election to be held in the City on March 4, 2025, and at each municipal election thereafter.

SECTION 5. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the Book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 15th day of October, 2024.

James A. Light
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Michael Webb
City Attorney

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. CC-2410-089 was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 15th day of October, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A"

By Lot: The City Council shall forthwith summon the candidates who have received the tie votes, whether upon the canvass of the returns by the Council or upon a recount by a court, to appear before the Council at a time to be designated by the Council. The Council shall, at that time and place, determine the tie by lot (e.g., tossing a coin, etc.), or in order to resolve a tie vote, Council may place each candidate's name in an unmarked, sealed envelope. The Mayor or the City Clerk, whoever is not part of the Election race, will then select a person to draw an envelope and read the name of the winning candidate.