

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINOLE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 2, 2026, SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF PINOLE A MEASURE ADDING CHAPTER 2.10 (OFFICE OF THE MAYOR) TO THE PINOLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AS AN ELECTED POSITION, SETTING RULES FOR ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS FOR AND AGAINST SAID MEASURE, REQUESTING THAT THE CONTRA COSTA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSENT TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THIS ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, AND REQUESTING CERTAIN SERVICES OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSOLIDATED SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City is currently, and has historically, conducted at-large elections, in which each of the five (5) Councilmembers are elected by the registered voters of the entire City; and

WHEREAS, the position of mayor rotates amongst the councilmembers on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pinole desires to propose an ordinance/measure (the "Measure") which would add Chapter 2.10 to the Pinole Municipal Code in order to establish the office of the mayor as an elected position; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 34900 authorizes the City Council to submit to the electors of the City the electors shall thereafter elect a mayor and four city council members; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 9222 authorizes the City Council to submit the measure to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the proposed Measure be consolidated with the June 2, 2026 primary election, to be held on the same date, and that within the City, the polling places and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Contra Costa County Election Department canvass the returns of the primary election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code sections 9285 and 9286, the City Council further desires to establish rules and regulations for the preparation and submittal and printing of arguments and rebuttals for and against the Measure described herein.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Pinole finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and incorporated herein and by this reference made an operative part hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Council is authorized to present a measure to the voters for their consideration pursuant to Elections Code Section 9222 and Government Code Section 34900.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Pinole, pursuant to its right and authority as contained in California Elections Code section 9222, California Government Code Section 34900, and any other laws applicable to general law cities, hereby orders the Measure to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the Special Municipal election to be held and consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. The proposed Measure shall be in the form similar to the document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution and is incorporated by this reference as fully set forth herein.

SECTION 4. The City Council, pursuant to its right and authority, does hereby order that the ballot question for the Measure shall be presented and printed upon the ballot submitted to the qualified voters in the manner and form set forth in this Section 3. On the ballot to be submitted to the qualified voters at the Special Municipal election to be consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, in addition to any other matter required by law, there shall be printed substantially the following questions:

Shall the electors elect a mayor and four city council members?	YES
	NO
Shall the term of office of mayor be two years?	YES
	NO
Shall the term of office of mayor be four years?	YES

	NO

SECTION 5. The full text of the proposed measure to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A (the “Measure”) hereto. If a simple majority of the qualified voters voting on the Measure vote in favor therefor, the Measure shall be deemed adopted and shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after the date the vote is declared by the City Council of the City of Pinole. The City Council hereby approves the Measure, attached as Exhibit A, the form thereof, and its submission to the voters of Pinole at the June 2, 2026 election. The City Manager and City Attorney shall have the authority to make non-substantive changes as needed prior to submission to the County of Contra Costa.

SECTION 6. The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County is hereby requested to order the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters to provide such services as may be necessary to properly and lawfully hold and conduct a Consolidated Special Municipal Election in the City on June 2, 2026, pursuant to this Resolution, including but not restricted to the providing and printing of ballots and polling place cards, election supplies, voting booths, flags, registration lists and any other materials and services required to lawfully conduct the election. The City recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this Consolidated Special Municipal Election, and the City agrees to reimburse the County based on the County's established rates. This request is made pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 10002 and 10403.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to work with the Office of the Registrar of Voters as needed to properly and lawfully conduct the election. The ballots to be used in the election shall be in form and content as required by law. The Office of the Registrar of Voters is authorized to canvass the returns of the special municipal election. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections. The City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County and the Registrar of Voters of Contra Costa County.

SECTION 8. Unless otherwise specified in this Resolution, the Special Municipal Election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 9.

- (a) The last day for submission of primary arguments for or against the measure shall by 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2026.

- (b) The last day for submission of rebuttal argument for or against the measure shall be by 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2026.
- (c) Primary arguments shall not exceed three hundred (300) words in length and shall be signed by not more than five persons.
- (d) Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed two hundred fifty words (250) and shall be signed by not more than five persons; those persons may be different than the persons who signed the primary arguments.
- (e) Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9282, the City Council hereby designates the Mayor to submit a written argument in favor of the proposed measure not to exceed three hundred (300) words, on behalf of the City Council. At the Mayor's discretion, the argument may also be signed by additional signers from the community including bona fide associations, or by individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure. In the event that an argument is filed against the measure, the Mayor is also authorized to submit a rebuttal argument on behalf of the City Council, which may also be signed by additional signers from the community including bona fide associations or any individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure, which may be different from those who signed the primary argument.
- (f) Pursuant to California Elections Code 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed five hundred (500) words in length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure, and file an impartial analysis with the City Clerk by March 18, 2026.
- (g) Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9285, when the City Clerk has selected the arguments for and against the measure, which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City Clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the primary arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the primary argument, which it seeks to rebut.

SECTION 10.

- (a) The City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa County Elections Department. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to place the Measure on the ballot and to cause a synopsis of the Measure attached as Exhibit B to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with California Elections Code Section 12111 and California Government Code Section 6061. A copy of the Measure shall be made available to any voter upon request. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to give further additional notice of the Measure in the time, form, and manner required by law.
- (b) In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, and except as provided for in Elections Code Sections 10403 and 10418, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 11. The City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk are authorized to make all approvals, expend funds, enter into any agreements, and take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to carry out and implement the terms of this Resolution and to administer the City's obligations, responsibilities and duties to be performed herein.

SECTION 12. The jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Pinole have not changed since the last general municipal election.

SECTION 13. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the ballot measure relates to organizational and administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore, is not a project within the meaning the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

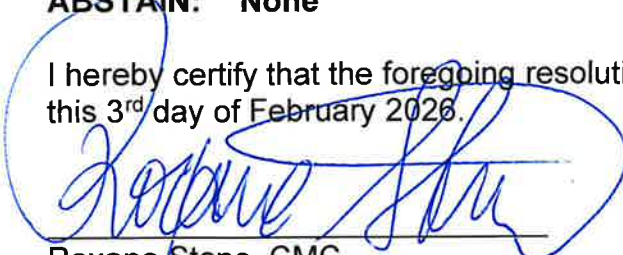
SECTION 14. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

SECTION 15. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinole held on February 3, 2026, by Mayor Pro Tem Devin Murphy, who moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Mayor Anthony Tave and carried by the following vote:

AYES: **Murphy, Sasai, Tave**
NOES: **Martínez-Rubin, Toms**
ABSENT: **None**
ABSTAIN: **None**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was introduced, passed and adopted on this 3rd day of February 2026.


Roxane Stone, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

