AGENDA ITEM #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: March 27, 2017 COAC #: 17-5973

## CITY OF GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 17-1779, adopting the Results of the Primary Election held on March 14, 2017.

**STAFF PRESENTER:** Maureen Scott, City

Clerk

**CASE NUMBER:** None

**OTHER PRESENTER:** None

### **PROPOSED ACTION:**

ADOPT RESOLUTION 17-1779 DECLARING AND ADOPTING THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 14, 2017, AND ORDERING THE RECORDATION OF SUCH RESOLUTION.

#### **BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

At the August 29, 2016 Regular Council meeting, Council adopted Resolution 16-1770, Call of Election, for a Primary Election to be held on March 14, 2017, and a General Election, if necessary, to be held on May 16, 2017.

A total of 12,562 ballots were cast. To receive a simple majority, candidates needed 6,282 votes (50% of the ballots cast plus one). Total Registered Voters for the City at the time of the election was 43,244. Voter participation was 29.05%.

Thirty-one voters came to City Hall to vote and approximately six hundred and ten came to City Hall to drop off their ballots.

#### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

Goodyear held an All Mail Election on March 14, 2017. Approximately 29.05% of the 43,244 Goodyear registered voters voted in this Primary Election. Georgia Lord and Jim Cavanaugh ran for Mayor and Georgia Lord received 50% plus one and is considered elected at this Primary. Two Council candidates, incumbents Joe Pizzillo and Wally Campbell, received 50% plus one and are considered elected at this Primary. The two candidates for Council who received the most votes, but did not receive 50% plus one are Sara Gilligan and Brannon Hampton. They will face a run-off in the General Election on May 16, 2017. Elected candidates will take their oaths and be seated at the June 12, 2017 Council meeting.

The charge from Maricopa County for the Primary Election is approximately \$91,700 which is based on a fee of \$2.12 per registered voter. The fee is per registered voter, whether or not the voter casts their vote. From September 2015 to present, almost 7,000 Goodyear residents became registered voters. Normally, voter registration increases about 1,000-1,500 a year. Due to the large increase in registered voters, we will exceed the budget for these elections and are

working to identify how to pay for that increase. If the cost increase cannot be absorbed, a budget transfer will be submitted for Council approval for this required expense.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Primary Election Results: Pursuant to A.R.S. 9-821.01(A) and Section 2-3-1 of Article 2-3 of Chapter 2 of the Goodyear City Code, adoption of Resolution 17-1779 declares the following elected in the Primary Election by having received a simple majority of the ballots cast.

Candidate	Votes Cast	Term or Office
Georgia Lord	8,004	Four year term for Mayor
Joe Pizzillo	7,768	Four year term for Councilmember
Wally Campbell	6,908	Four year term for Councilmember

# **ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution 17-1779 Certificate of Primary Election

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