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## STAFF REPORT

For the Special City Council Meeting of December 27, 2012

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Susan Alessi, City Clerk  
**DATE:** December 19, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Possible Direction/Action Regarding Filling of City Council Member Vacancy

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss the options available for filling the vacancy created by resignation of Council Member Claire Fortier which was effective December 14, 2012 (*Attachment A - Resignation Letter*). If appropriate at this meeting, take action or provide direction regarding the process for filling the vacancy.

### **DISCUSSION:**

State Law, which has also been adopted by the Council in City Code Chapter 2-9, establishes a very short time frame for the City Council to take action to fill a Council Member vacancy. It states "if a vacancy occurs in an elective office provided for in this article, the City Council shall, within 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy, either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy. The special election shall be held on the next regularly established election date not less than 114 days from the call of the special election. A person appointed or elected to fill the vacancy holds office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent (*Attachment B- Government Code 36512 and City Code Chapter 2, Section 9*).

### **Appointment:**

In order to meet the 60 days from commencement of the December 14, 2012 vacancy, an appointment will need to be made by February 12, 2012.

If the Council chooses an appointment process, options could include, but not limited to, the following:

- Solicitation of applications and appointment made from applications.
- Solicitation of applications and interviews of applicants.
- Appoint one of the candidates from the November 6, 2012 election; next highest vote-getter or from one of the three (3) remaining candidates; or if application process selected, candidates could apply.
- Scheduling the appointment on a Council agenda to make nominations and take votes without application process (directly appoint).

### **Appointment: (Continued)**

If the Council chooses to make an appointment, the appointee would serve 22 months.

### **Special Election:**

At Polling Place - If the Council chooses to fill the vacancy by special election by polling place, the election would be a stand-alone election which would be held on the June 4, 2013 at an estimated cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000. The final day to provide El Dorado County Election's Department with a Resolution Calling a Special Election is January 30, 2013. (*Attachment C – Election Calendar and Estimated Cost*).

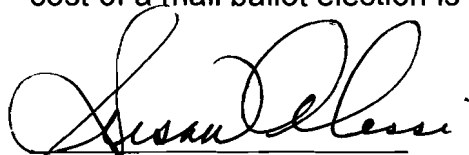
If the Council chooses a special election, there will be a vacancy on the Council for approximately seven (7) months and the candidate elected would serve 17 months (from June 14, 2013 date of certification of election to December 9, 2014)

Mail Ballot – The City qualifies for a mail ballot election. If the Council chooses to fill the vacancy by all mail ballot special election, the election would be held on May 7, 2013 at an estimated cost of \$9,000 to \$10,000. The final day to provide El Dorado County Election's Department with a Resolution Calling for a Special Election is January 2, 2013. (*Attachment D – Election Calendar and Estimated Cost*)

If Council chooses a mail ballot special election, there will be a vacancy on the Council for approximately six (6) months and the candidate elected would serve 18 months (from May 17, 2013 date of certification of election to December 9, 2014)

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS/FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is minimal fiscal impact if the Council chooses to fill the vacancy by appointment. The cost for a stand-alone special election with El Dorado County is estimated at \$12,000 to \$15,000. The cost of a mail ballot election is estimated at \$9,000 to \$10,000.



Susan Alessi, City Clerk

Attachments A - D

*For information, attached are responses to City Clerk ListServe regarding how the cities who responded have filled a vacancy*



# City of South Lake Tahoe

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## Attachment A

December 11, 2013

City Council  
c/o Nancy Kerry  
City Manager  
City of South Lake Tahoe  
Airport Road  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

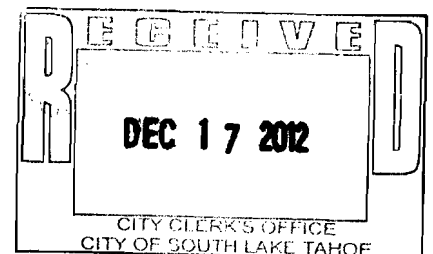
Dear Council,

It is with great regret that I tender my resignation from council prior to my term ending in 2014. As you know, my spouse relocated to Redmond, WA, in July for a new career opportunity. It's now time for me to put my family first. As such, I am giving my official resignation from council, effective Friday, December 14, 2012.

I appreciate the honor of working with each of you. I know that you will guide the city toward a more prosperous future. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Claire Fortier  
Mayor



Mayor Claire Fortier



**GOVERNMENT CODE**  
**SECTION 36512**

**Attachment B**

36512 (b) If a vacancy occurs in an elective office provided for in this chapter, the council shall, within 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy, either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy. The special election shall be held on the next regularly established election date not less than 114 days from the call of the special election. A person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy holds office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent.

**CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE  
CITY CODE**

§ 2-4

**§ 2-4. Meetings – Time and place of regular meetings.**

Repealed. (Ord. 4 § 1; Ord. 51 § 1; Ord. 88 § 1; Ord. 231 § 1; Ord. 234 § 1; Ord. 439 § 1; Ord. 471 § 1; Ord. 486 § 1; Ord. 500 § 1; Ord. 518 § 1; Ord. 526 § 1; Ord. 528 § 1; Ord. 758 § 2)

**§ 2-5. Same – Special.**

Repealed. (Ord. 4 § 1; Ord. 51 § 1; Ord. 446 § 1; Ord. 758 § 2)

**§ 2-5.1. Same – Closed sessions.**

Repealed. (Ord. 446 § 2; Ord. 611 § 1; Ord. 758 § 2)

**§ 2-6. Same – Rules of procedure – Compelling attendance – Keeping of records.**

Repealed. (Ord. 4 § 1; Ord. 51 § 1; Ord. 758 § 1)

**Article III. City Officers\***

\* For state law designating the officers of the city, see Gov. C. § 36501.

**§ 2-7. Officers designated.**

The government of the city shall be vested in the following officers:

- A. A city council of five members.
- B. A city manager.
- C. A city clerk.
- D. A city treasurer.

E. Such subordinate officers or employees as are provided for by law, and deemed necessary by the city council for the proper administration of the municipal government. (Ord. 3 § 1)

**§ 2-8. Qualifications and terms of office of elected officials.**

The elective officers of the city shall be the five city councilmembers, the city clerk and the city treasurer.

No person shall be eligible to hold office as a city councilmember, as a city clerk or as a city treasurer unless such person is a registered voter of the city at the time nomination papers are issued.

The elected officials shall hold office from the date of election in the statewide general election. The elective officers of the city shall hold office from the date they are elected for a term of four years, and until their successors are elected and

qualified. (Ord. 3 § 1; Ord. 430 § 1; Ord. 493 § 1; Ord. 605 § 1; Ord. 792 § 3; Ord. 883 § 1)

**§ 2-9. Filling of vacancies in elective offices.**

If a vacancy occurs in an elective office provided for in this article, the city council shall, within 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy, either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy. The special election shall be held on the next regularly established election date not less than 114 days from the call of the special election. A person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy holds office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent. (Ord. 3 § 1; Ord. 1025 § 1 (Exh. A))

**§ 2-10. Bonds and oath of office required.**

Repealed. (Ord. 3 § 1; Ord. 606 § 1)

**§ 2-11. Compensation generally.\***

A. Each member of the city council shall receive monthly compensation in an amount established by Section 36516 of the Government Code of the State of California. Beginning January 1, 1986, council may increase that amount by resolution as allowed by Government Code Section 36516 for cities of similar populations.

B. Salaries and benefits of all other elected and appointed officers shall be as set forth by resolution from time to time. (Ord. 3 § 1; Ord. 301 § 1; Ord. 430 § 2; Ord. 564; Ord. 679; Ord. 685; Ord. 792 § 4)

\* For state law as to compensation of appointive officers and employees, see Gov. C. § 36506 As to compensation of city councilmembers, see Gov. C. § 36514 et seq. As to compensation of city clerk and treasurer, see Gov. C. § 36517.

**§ 2-12. Mayor.**

A. The city council shall, at the first meeting in December, choose one of its number as mayor.

B. The mayor shall preside at the meetings of the city council. If he is absent or unable to act, the council shall appoint a mayor pro tempore, who shall serve only until the mayor returns or is able to act. The mayor pro tempore shall have all of the powers and duties of the mayor in his absence.

C. The mayor may make or second any motion and present and discuss any matter as a member of the city council.

# ATTACHMENT C

## TENTATIVE ELECTION CALENDAR FOR CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE – CITY COUNCIL VACANCY ELECTION JUNE 4, 2013

Activity Date Days before election	ACTIVITY	Applicable Code §
<b>Jan. 30</b> 125	Final Day to Receive Resolution Calling Election	
<b>Jan. 28 to Feb. 11</b> 127 to 113	Publish Notice of Election	(EC §12101)
<b>Feb. 11 to Mar. 8</b> 113 -88	Candidate Filing/Nomination Period	(EC §10220)
<b>Mar. 9</b> 87	Final Day to Withdraw Candidate Statement	(EC §13307)
<b>Mar. 9 – Mar. 18</b> 87-78	Public Exam/Review Period	(EC § 13113)
TBD	Order Printing of Election Material	
<b>May 6</b> 29	First day to mail vote-by-mail ballots and vote early in the Elections Department	(EC §4101)
<b>May 20</b> 15	Last Day to Register to Vote	(EC §2102)
No later than <b>May 22</b> 13	48-hour Ballot Processing Public Notice	(EC §15104)
<b>May 23</b> 11	Ballot Processing may begin	(EC §15101)
No Later Than <b>May 28</b> 7	Logic and Accuracy Voting System Testing	(EC §15000)
No Later Than <b>May 30</b> 5	5-day Public Manual Tally Notice	(EC §15360)
<b>June 4</b> 0	<b>Election Day</b>	
<b>June 5 – June 14</b> +1 to +10	Canvass and Certify Election Results	(EC §15372)

**Susan Alessi**

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**From:** Barbara Dunmore <barbara.dunmore@edcgov.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2012 4:05 PM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Cc:** Linda M Webster  
**Subject:** Vacancy Election  
**Attachments:** SLT Tentative Calendar 6-4-2013.doc

Hi Susan -

Attached is a tentative calendar for a polling place election for a vacancy election on June 4, 2013. It is estimated that a stand-alone election will cost \$12,000 to \$15,000.

As always, please let me know if I can provide further information.

Barbara

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Barbara Dunmore  
Assistant Registrar of Voters  
County of El Dorado  
(530) 621-7480

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# ATTACHMENT D

## TENTATIVE ELECTION CALENDAR FOR CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE – CITY COUNCIL MAIL BALLOT VACANCY ELECTION MAY 7, 2013

Activity Date Days before election	ACTIVITY	Applicable Code §
<b>Jan. 2</b> 125	Final Day to Receive Resolution Calling Election	
<b>Dec. 31 to Jan. 14</b> 127 to 113	Publish Notice of Election	(EC §12101)
<b>Jan. 14 to Feb. 8</b> 113 -88	Candidate Filing/Nomination Period	(EC §10220)
<b>Feb. 9</b> 87	Final Day to Withdraw Candidate Statement	(EC §13307)
<b>Feb. 9 to Feb. 18</b> 87-78	Public Exam/Review Period	(EC § 13113)
TBD	Order Printing of Election Material	
<b>Apr. 8</b> 29	First day to mail vote-by-mail ballots and vote early in the Elections Department	(EC §4101)
<b>Apr. 22</b> 15	Last Day to Register to Vote	(EC §15260)
No later than <b>Apr. 24</b> 13	48-hour Ballot Processing Public Notice	(EC §15104)
<b>Apr. 26</b> 11	Ballot Processing may begin	(EC §15101)
No Later Than <b>Apr. 30</b> 7	Logic and Accuracy Voting System Testing	(EC §15000)
No Later Than <b>May 2</b> 5	5-day Public Manual Tally Notice	(EC §15360)
<b>May 7</b> 0	<b>Election Day</b>	
<b>May 8 – May 17</b> +1 to +10	Canvass and Certify Election Results	(EC §15371)

**Susan Alessi**

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**From:** Barbara Dunmore <barbara.dunmore@edcgov.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 4:00 PM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Cc:** Linda M Webster  
**Subject:** Re: Vacancy Election

Susan,

For a May 7, 2013 election, our administrative timeline for receiving a resolution to conduct the election is January 2, 2013 (we can be a bit flexible on this). Candidate filing would open January 14 and close February 8.

Barbara

On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 3:57 PM, Barbara Dunmore <[barbara.dunmore@edcgov.us](mailto:barbara.dunmore@edcgov.us)> wrote:

Susan,

A mailed ballot election is estimated to cost \$9,000 to \$10,000.

Barbara

## Susan Alessi

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**From:** Barbara Dunmore <barbara.dunmore@edcgov.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 9:13 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Cc:** Linda M Webster; Kathy Pal  
**Subject:** Re: Vacancy Election

Hi Susan,

I spoke with my colleague in Sacramento and we do not have flexibility on the 125 day deadline. EC 10522 requires the county elections official receive at least 125 days prior to the fixed date for the election the boundaries and the resolution. Therefore, the the deadline for receiving a resolution for a May 7 election would be Jan.2. This statutory timeline provides the elections official time to notice the election and the candidate filing period.

Barbara

On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 6:43 PM, Susan Alessi <[salessi@cityofslt.us](mailto:salessi@cityofslt.us)> wrote:  
Great. Thanks so much Barbara.

On Dec 18, 2012, at 4:52 PM, "Barbara Dunmore" <[barbara.dunmore@edcgov.us](mailto:barbara.dunmore@edcgov.us)> wrote:

Susan,

Let me call a colleague tomorrow and verify that the 125th day prior to the election is an administrative date and I will get back to you.

Barbara

On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 4:26 PM, Susan Alessi <[salessi@cityofslt.us](mailto:salessi@cityofslt.us)> wrote:

Thanks so much Barbara. Just in case, could you work with us for a January 8<sup>th</sup> Resolution?

*Susan Alessi, MMC*

City Clerk

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election date pursuant to Section 1000 occurring not less than 88 days after the date of the order of election.

*(Added by Stats. 1996, c. 1143, §34.)*

**Chapter 6. Mail Ballot Elections**

**1500. Date of mailed ballot election.**

The established mailed ballot election dates are as follows:

(a) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year.

(b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each even-numbered year.

(c) The last Tuesday in August of each year.

*(Amended by Stats. 2004, c. 817, §7.)*

May 7<sup>th</sup>

date of the all-mailed ballot election or prior to the date of any other all-mailed ballot election subject to this section to be conducted in the county, whichever is sooner.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.

*(Added by Stats. 2011, c. 187, §1.)*

**4002. Special Districts.**

Notwithstanding Section 4000, a special district may conduct its elections by mail in accordance with Sections 1500, 4104, 4105, and 4108.

*(Amended by Stats. 2005, c. 86, §1.)*

**4003. Revoking adoption of an all-mailed ballot election.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever any district has adopted the all-mailed ballot procedure for conducting general district elections pursuant to Section 4104 and any other election is scheduled to be held in territory that is the same or partly the territory of the district on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered year, the district may, by resolution of the governing board, revoke the adoption of the all-mailed ballot procedure and order the general district election consolidated with the other election pursuant to Section 10402.

*(Added by Stats. 1994, c. 920, §2.)*

**4004. "Small city" or "Eligible entity" mailed ballot election.**

(a) "Small city" means a city with a population of 100,000 or less, as determined by the annual city total population rankings by the Demographic Research Unit of the Department of Finance.

(b) "Eligible entity" means a school district or a special district.

(c) Notwithstanding Sections 1500 and 4000, an election in a small city or an eligible entity may be conducted wholly as an all-mail ballot election, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The legislative body of the small city or the governing body of the eligible entity, by resolution, authorizes the use of mailed ballots for the election.

(2) The election is a special election to fill a vacancy in the legislative body or governing body.

(3) The election is not held on the same date as a statewide primary or general election.

(4) The election is not consolidated with any other election.

(5) The return of voted mail ballots is subject to Section 3017.

*(Amended by Stats. 2005, c. 86, §2.)*

**Chapter 2. Conduct of Mail Ballot Elections**

**4100. Other provisions.**

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, mail ballot elections shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3000) of Division 3.

*(Added by Stats. 1994, c. 920, §2.)*

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### District Query Results

CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE 10/26/2012

**Total Number of Precincts 87**

**Total Number of Registered Voters 9251 100.0%**

Democrat 3569 38.58%

Republican 2133 23.06%

American Independent 408 4.41%

Green 0 0.00%

Libertarian 204 2.21%

Peace and Freedom 74 0.80%

Miscellaneous 97 1.05%

Decline to State 2655 28.70%

Article XV. Claims Against the City

- 2-101 Authority.
- 2-102 Claims required.
- 2-103 Form of claim.
- 2-104 Claim prerequisite to suit.
- 2-105 Suit.
- 2-106 Severability.

\* As to emergency organization and functions, see Chapter 9 SLTCC. As to disaster council, see SLTCC 9-3 and 9-4. As to director and assistant director of emergency services, see SLTCC 9-5 and 9-6. As to emergency organization, see SLTCC 9-7. As to finance and taxation, see Chapter 11 SLTCC. As to fire department, see SLTCC 12-8 to 12-13. As to bureau of fire prevention, see SLTCC 12-11. As to franchises, see Chapter 13 SLTCC. As to personnel, see Chapter 20 SLTCC.

Article I. In General

**§ 2-1. Official city holidays.**  
 Repealed. (Ord. 60 § 1; Ord. 242 § 2; Ord. 323 § 1; Ord. 395 § 1; Ord. 606 § 1)

**§ 2-1.1. Enforcement of noncity zoning, building, etc., regulations.**  
 Repealed. (Ord. 505 §§ 1, 2; Ord. 758 § 2)

Article II. City Council\*

\* For state law as to city council generally, see Gov. C. § 36801 et seq.

**§ 2-2. Terms of office of members.**  
 The term of office for a councilmember shall be four years from and after the date of their election. Newly elected councilmembers shall assume office at the next regular council meeting after their election has been certified by the elections department of the county of El Dorado and a copy of that certification has been provided to the city clerk. (Ord. 4 § 1; Ord. 883 § 1)

**§ 2-2.1. Election of councilmembers – Filing fee.**  
 Repealed. (Ord. 408 § 1; Ord. 792 § 1)

**§ 2-2.2. Same – Printing fee.**  
 The candidate's filing fee for a candidate statement shall be determined by the El Dorado County registrar of voters. (Ord. 408 § 1; Ord. 883 § 1)

**§ 2-2.3. Same – Waiver of fees.**  
 Repealed. (Ord. 428 § 1; Ord. 792 § 2)

**§ 2-2.4. Date of municipal election.**  
 The general municipal elections for the offices of city councilmember, city clerk, city treasurer, and such other offices as may be from time to time created as elective offices in the city of South Lake Tahoe shall be held concurrently with and on the same day as statewide general election, as such elections may be from time to time be called under the law of the state of California. The first such election shall be held on November 5, 1996. It is the city of South Lake Tahoe's intent to consolidate all such municipal elections with the county of El Dorado, unless otherwise called pursuant to a duly adopted resolution of the city council. (Ord. 605 § 1; Ord. 860 § 1)

**§ 2-2.5. Mail ballot elections.**  
 The city council of the city of South Lake Tahoe authorizes to conduct elections wholly by mail ballot. The subjects approved for all mail ballot elections may be as follows:

- A. Any election to approve a special tax or a general tax as required or authorized by Article XIII C of the California Constitution.
- B. Any election to approve a property-related fee or charge as required or authorized by Article XIII D of the California Constitution.
- C. Any assessment ballot proceeding required or authorized by Article XIII D of the California Constitution; provided, that such proceeding shall be denominated an "assessment ballot proceeding" rather than an election.

The city council shall determine whether an election will be conducted by mail at the time the election is called. Actions of the city council pursuant to this section shall be set forth in a resolution approved at a regular or special meeting of the city council. Elections shall not occur on the same date as a statewide direct primary or statewide general election. (Elections Code Sections 4000(c)(9) and 4100 et seq.) (Ord. 942 § 1)

**§ 2-3. Attendance of meetings by councilmembers.**  
 Repealed. (Ord. 4 § 1; Ord. 388 § 1; Ord. 758 § 2)





## Susan Alessi

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**From:** Denise Hayward <DHayward@lakewoodcity.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012 1:16 PM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy

Here's what I've received :

### **APPOINTMENTS TO FILL A CITY COUNCIL VACANCY**

**Candidate from previous election:** 3 (two - highest vote-getter, one other)  
Monrovia, Lathrop, Vallejo

**Directly appoint:** 2 (Commissioners)  
Santa Fe Springs, Lancaster

**Application process:** 12  
Burbank, Kingsburg, West Hollywood, Fairfield, Monterey, Whittier, Sunnyvale, Lake Elsinore, Thousand Oaks, Stanton, Yuba City, Compton

#### *Applicant review process:*

- Interview by entire City Council at a Council meeting
- Candidate video on website/cable tv, interview at Council meeting
- Subcommittee appointed to conduct interviews, make recommendations

#### *Applicants submit:*

- City application form
- Statement of Interest and biography
- Application with written essay
- Application with written responses to list of questions

Of cities soliciting applications, the fewest received was 6 applications the largest was 43.

**From:** Susan Alessi [<mailto:salessi@cityofslt.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012 12:25 PM  
**To:** Denise Hayward  
**Subject:** Re: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy

Hi Denise

I too would be very interested in the information you receive.

Thanks!

Susan Alessi, MMC  
City Clerk  
City of South Lake Tahoe  
1901 Airport Road  
South Lake Tahoe, CA. 96150  
(530) 542-6004

[salessi@cityofslt.us](mailto:salessi@cityofslt.us)

Sent from My Pad

On Nov 26, 2012, at 4:00 PM, "Denise Hayward" <[DHayward@lakewoodcity.org](mailto:DHayward@lakewoodcity.org)> wrote:

If you have gone through the process for your City Council to appoint someone to fill a Council vacancy, would you please share what you did? Notice, application, questions or agenda item would all be welcome. If your Council made an appointment without soliciting applications, what was your process? Any input would be welcome.

Denise Hayward, Lakewood

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**From:** Alice Atkins <aatkins@ci.monrovia.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 8:18 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

Our vacancies have generally been due to a City Councilmember being directly elected as Mayor, leaving the remaining 2 years of their term vacant. As an election has just been conducted, rather than incurring the expense of conducting a special election, they have typically chosen to appoint from among the top candidates (not always the highest vote getter). I imagine even if they didn't want to appoint from other candidates, they would likely appoint someone from the community rather than order a special election.

Alice

Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk  
626.932.5505 (o) | 626.303.6618 (f)

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**From:** [city\\_clerks-bounces@lists.cacities.org](mailto:city_clerks-bounces@lists.cacities.org) [[mailto:city\\_clerks-bounces@lists.cacities.org](mailto:city_clerks-bounces@lists.cacities.org)] **On Behalf Of** Susan Alessi  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2012 5:12 PM  
**To:** [city\\_clerks@lists.cacities.org](mailto:city_clerks@lists.cacities.org)  
**Subject:** [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

Good Afternoon Friends:

Please see the questions and responses below to the ListServe which was submitted by Denise Hayward, City of Lakewood.

My question: General Law Cities, if your City has had a Council vacancy (to fill an unexpired term), was it filled by Appointment or Special Election? What were the reasons for the decision to appoint or hold a special election?

Thank you for taking the time to assist.

*Susan Alessi, MMC*

City Clerk

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## Susan Alessi

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**From:** Lehny Corbin <LehnyC@sanpabloca.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 8:33 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

Good morning, Susan. We appointed for cost reasons.

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**Monday thru Thursday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm; open during lunch time.**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 8:35 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

We had a vacancy filled in March of this year by appointment. Reason be is cost of a special election to fill a seat for a period of less than 2 years.

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**From:** Vazquez, Patricia <PVazquez@ci.stanton.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 8:50 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? -General Law Cities Only

Good Morning,

We have recently had a Council Member retire due to illness (Term expiring in 2014). The options were placed on the agenda and the City Council decided to appoint. Direction was given and staff proceeded with an application process.

I hope this helps and have a wonderful day!

*Patricia A. Vazquez*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 8:52 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

Susan:

We appointed someone in the past to save the cost of an election. The Council appointed a former Council Member who was not interested in being re-elected. We accepted applications and the Council chose the person to appoint. It was about 15 years ago!

Judy Anderson, CMC  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 8:54 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** Re: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

We had 2 vacancies earlier this year due to health issues. 1 term ended November 2012 so they technically called special election to fill when it would normally be filled and it was left vacant til election. The other term ended November 2014 and they made an appointment. The comments that one Councilmember had made about filling by appointment after the fact was based on the fact they knew the other Councilmember was very ill and they didn't want to have 2 vacancies (out of 5 Councilmembers) until November 2012 (happened in March and May this year).

After they made appointment, a citizen circulated a petition to call special elections for vacancies and Council ended up adopting it; allows appointment until special election.

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**To:** <[city\\_clerks@lists.cacities.org](mailto:city_clerks@lists.cacities.org)>  
**Date:** 12/18/2012 8:16 AM  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 9:10 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

We just made an appointment to our Council. Cost is the reason for us.  
Nanci

*Nanci Mills*  
*Director of Administrative Services/City Clerk*  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 9:26 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi (salessi@cityofslt.us)  
**Subject:** FW: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

Hi Susan,

We had a vacancy early this year which was filled by appointment.

Happy Holidays!

*Maricela Hernandez, MMC*  
*City Clerk*



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**From:** Cynthia Huisman <chuisman@cityoflarkspur.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 9:37 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

Good morning,

Our vacancy was filled by appointment. We held an application process and amongst the applicants were the two candidates who were not elected. The one with the greatest percentage of votes, as well as being a resident of an area of the city that was not represented on our Council, he was appointed. Whether he runs for office in 2013 is not certain. It has worked very well.

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**From:** Lori Martin <cityclerk@cityofwaterford.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 9:40 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

All of our council vacancies over the past 12 years have been filled by Appointment due mostly to the cost of special elections.

Lori Martin, MMC  
City Clerk

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**From:** Denise Hayward [<mailto:DHayward@lakewoodcity.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012 1:16 PM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy

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**From:** Karen J Hemphill <khemphill@ci.emeryville.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 9:50 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

By appointment. To save money and also that the majority was interested in the new Councilmember representing the same demographic (geographic/ethnic) as the resigned (due to illness) member. Also, appointed Councilmember was well known, a Commissioner, and there was community support to do so.

Karen Hemphill  
City Clerk  
Emeryville

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**From:** Pat Hammers <PHammers@cathedralcity.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 10:08 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? -General Law Cities Only

Susan we have done booth. We appointed from the ones who ran, Presidential decision. We have also help a vote by mail – iaw the registrar, advising that we could hold a mail vote if we were under 5,000 (shich we were at the time) and had only one issue on the ballot, which we did. The Mayor beat her brother-in-law  
For the Mayors spot. It was strictly politics and somebody else won,

How is our tree, I think of you often, what fun that was.

**Pat Hammers, MMC**  
**City Clerk – Cathedral City**

*“May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference  
in the world, so that YOU will do the things which others tell you cannot be done!”  
Franciscan Benediction*

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**From:** Karen Pierce <karen.pierce@colfax-ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 10:22 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Cc:** staff.box@colfax-ca.gov  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

We are in the process of this right now. And we did it in October as well. Our council seat was filled by appointment. If council cannot come to an agreement at our next council meeting about the next appointment we will have to go to special election. We have tried to avoid this due to cost. In our county special elections cost \$5-\$10 per registered voter.

Karen Pierce  
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**From:** Annabelle Aguilar <aaguilar@riverbank.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012 10:49 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** RE: [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

Hi Susan,

We are in the process of deciding what to do about a current Councilmember vacancy. Council does not want to call for a special election. So the decision is to appoint, but how to appoint is the question.

Council is split on whether to appoint by: 1) the highest vote getter from the recent Nov 6th election; or solicit applications. Motion failed for #1.

Now they're split on the process whether to: 1) solicit applications only from the remaining 5 candidates not elected; or 2) solicit applications from all eligible Riverbank residents.

Historically, the city has solicited applications from eligible residents and conducted public interviews and selection. If a special election occurred it has been due to not agreeing within the 30-day (back then) period, no one certainly wants to spend the extra money on a special election, but it has the possibility of occurring if there is no consensus.

Regards,

*Annabelle Aguilar*

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**To:** Susan Alessi  
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Our last unexpired vacancy was filled by appointment thru an application process so long as the appointment was made within 120 days of the vacancy. Outside of 120 days would have triggered a special election which is more costly.

*Rachel J. Ford, CMC - City Clerk*  
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When wealth is lost, nothing is lost;  
When health is lost, something is lost,  
When character is lost, all is lost!

German Proverb

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**From:** [city\\_clerks-bounces@lists.cacities.org](mailto:city_clerks-bounces@lists.cacities.org) [mailto:[city\\_clerks-bounces@lists.cacities.org](mailto:city_clerks-bounces@lists.cacities.org)] **On Behalf Of** Susan Alessi  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2012 5:12 PM  
**To:** [city\\_clerks@lists.cacities.org](mailto:city_clerks@lists.cacities.org)  
**Subject:** [City\_clerks] Council Vacancy - Appointment or Special Election?? - General Law Cities Only

Good Afternoon Friends:

Please see the questions and responses below to the ListServe which was submitted by Denise Hayward, City of Lakewood.

My question: General Law Cities, if your City has had a Council vacancy (to fill an unexpired term), was it filled by Appointment or Special Election? What were the reasons for the decision to appoint or hold a special election?

Thank you for taking the time to assist.

*Susan Alessi, MMC*

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## Susan Alessi

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**From:** Susan Alessi  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2012 11:15 AM  
**To:** 'Toogee Sielsch'  
**Cc:** 'Tom Davis'; 'Hal Cole'; JoAnn Conner; JoAnn Conner; Angela Swanson (angelaswanson@sbcglobal.net); Nancy Kerry; Patrick Enright  
**Subject:** RE: Claire Fortier's Replacement

Dear Toogee Sielsch:

Thank you for your email regarding the City Council Member vacancy to be read into the record at the next Council meeting.

The City Council will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 9am to discuss this issue. I am copying the City Council, City Manager and City Attorney on this email, will provide them with hard copies at the meeting and per your request, will read the letter into the record at that meeting.

Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

*Susan Alessi, MMC*

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**From:** Toogee Sielsch [<mailto:toognian@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2012 6:08 AM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** Claire Fortier's Replacement

Open letter to be read at the next South Lake Tahoe City Council meeting:

In light of Claire Fortier's expected yet somewhat sudden departure from the South Lake Tahoe City Council last week, the big question that looms in the minds of many of us City Of South Lake Tahoe voters is who and how will Claire Fortier be replaced.

In my opinion, and in the opinion of many of my fellow South Lake Tahoe voters, whom will hopefully voice their opinion on this matter in some way, shape, or form, feel that the only one specific course of action that

would be an acceptable resolution to this situation would be to appoint Austin Sass to the council seat vacated by Ms. Fortier. By virtue of the results of last month's election it's quite obvious that the voters have no desire to see Bruce Grego return to a council seat. I'm am also quite sure that most City Of South Lake Tahoe voters would be highly dismayed were the council to opt for a costly special election. The voters have spoken and the council, in my opinion, should not waste any more time or money on this issue, and should appoint whom I, and many others, see as the most qualified candidate, who burns with a fire to serve his community to the best of his ability. And I just want to remind you that those abilities are highly developed, and he is highly qualified and prepared to take on the work load that accompanies the job of a city council member of The City Of South Lake Tahoe.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Susan Alessi  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2012 9:20 AM  
**To:** Angela Swanson; 'Claire Fortier'; 'Hal Cole'; JoAnn Conner; Tom Davis  
**Cc:** Nancy Kerry; Patrick Enright; 'benin@charter.net'  
**Subject:** FW: City Council Vacancy

Dear Council:

For your information, please see the attached email. As requested, the letter will be read into the record at the meeting at which the vacancy is discussed.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Josh Benin [<mailto:benin@charter.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 3:21 PM  
**To:** Susan Alessi  
**Subject:** Re: City Council Vacancy

Please read into the record of the upcoming City Council meeting discussing the vacancy:

In the aftermath of the recent election, there are only three people in the City who want to be on City Council, but are not. I urge you to appoint the candidate of those three most favored by the electorate - Mr. Sass - to fill the vacancy.

Josh Benin  
South Lake Tahoe