



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 21-3582, **Agenda Item #:** 2.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance declaring a vacancy in the office of City Council District 4; ordering a special municipal election to be held in the city of Austin on January 25, 2022, to elect a council member for District 4; providing for the conduct of the election; and declaring an emergency.

### **Lead Department**

City Clerk.

### **Fiscal Note**

There is no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

Myrna Rios, Office of the City Clerk, 512-974-2504.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

On November 4, 2021, Council Member Casar announced that he is running for Congress, at a point in time when there is more than a year and 30 days left in his term as Council Member, thereby triggering a provision under the Texas Constitution where he automatically resigned from his position as Council Member. Council Member Casar will continue to serve in a hold over capacity, but with the resignation of Council Member Casar, there is now a vacancy in Council District 4 that must be filled by special election.

Following is the proposed schedule for the special election and runoff election if one is needed:

Election Day is proposed to be **Tuesday, January 25, 2022** , with Early Voting January 10 - 21.

The canvass of the special election would be held **February 4, 2022** (if no runoff is needed, the new council member may be sworn in this day).

If needed, a runoff election would be held **Tuesday, March 22, 2022**, with Early Voting March 7 - 18.

The canvass of the runoff election would be held **April 1, 2022**, with the new member being sworn in this day.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

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