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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	9736	Agenda Number	33.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Legal
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Subject

Approve an Ordinance authorizing a May 2012 general election date or a Resolution authorizing a November 2012 general election date.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Boards and
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin holds its general municipal election for council seats on the May uniform election date, for staggered three-year council terms. In 2012, Council seats for Mayor, Place 2, Place 5, and Place 6 will be on the ballot.

In 2011, the state legislature passed SB100, adding new considerations to the May 2012 uniform election date and creating an opportunity for cities to move elections from the May uniform election date to the November uniform election date by resolution.

Council has two options:

1. May 2012: Should Council choose to proceed with a May 2012 election, the vote on this agenda item will approve the attached standard ordinance calling the May election; or
2. November 2012: Should the Council choose to proceed with a November 2012 election, the vote on this agenda item will approve the attached resolution as required by SB100. A standard ordinance calling the November election will follow in mid-2012, and the Mayor and council members in Places 2, 5, and 6 will hold over until the November 2012 election.