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>> Mayor Adler: All right. We have a special called meeting. It is six minutes after 2:00. Today is Tuesday, November 20, 2018. We are in the city council chambers here at city hall, 301 west second street. The purpose of today's called meeting is to canvass the election. I guess and set the runoff election. Should I start with the script in? First thing we're going to do is approve a resolution canvassing the result of the November 2018 general and special election. That resolution has been presented. It's on the table in front of us, it's in backup. There being the necessary quorum of the Austin city council, I call this meeting to order. As you know under state law only two councilmembers are necessary for a quorum to canvass an election, but we have another I so our regular quorum and members are necessary for that. The second thing we need to have, we'll not take up item number 1, which is approve a canvassing of the general election. In the general election the returns of the election show that in the mayor's race, there were 178,980 votes for Steve Adler, 34,082 for Gus peña, 19,614 votes for T.O.D. Phelps. 3,033 votes for Alexander strenger, 2052 for Alan Pease.

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6,999 votes for Travis Duncan with Steve Adler receiving a majority of all votes cast for mayor. In district 1 race, 2068 votes for mitrah avini. 5520 for Natasha Harper Madison. 2516 votes for Lewis Conway, Jr., 1006 votes for reedy Spigner. 15094 for Vincent Harding. 54 votes for a write-in candidate with Natasha Madison but neither receiving the majority all votes cast for city councilmember district 1. In the district 3 race, 1,457 votes for Justin Jacob son. 4690 for Susana Almanza. 10,467 votes for Sabino Renteria. 1789 votes for amit motwani, 2002 votes for Jessica Cohen, 1575 votes for James Valdez. Neither receiving a majority of all votes cast for district 3. In the district 5 race, 25413 votes for Ann kitchen, receiving a majority of all votes cast for district 5. District 8, 7,297 votes for Bobby levinski, 9703 votes for Paige Ellis. 6967 votes for rich Depalma with frank ward and Paige Ellis receiving the highest number of votes but neither receiving the majority of all votes cast for city councilmember district 8. In the district 9 race, there were 19,630 votes for Katherine Kathie tovo, 11,701 votes for Danielle skid more,

2294 votes for Isiah Jones and 2700 votes for Linda o'neill with Kathie tovo receiving a majority of all votes cast for city council district 9.

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In the special elections, the returns of the elections show that there were 243,270 votes for and 90,899 votes against prop a. 244,824 votes for and 87,731 votes against prop B. 269,215 votes for and 64,270 votes -- 78 votes against prop C. 278,447 votes for and 53,948 votes against prop D. 227,838 votes for and 96,205 votes against prop E. 2,666, 130 votes for and 61,534 votes against prop F. 267,839 votes for and 62,396 votes against prop G. 192,263 votes for and 95,745 votes against prop H. 223,631 votes for, 81,844 votes against prop I. 166,647 votes for and 179,690 votes against prop J. 129,355 votes for and 175,920 votes against prop K. Before we take a motion, is there anyone in the audience who would like to be heard on this item? And there being none, I'll entertain a motion on this item number 1. Yes. Councilmember alter.

>> Alter: I move to approve item 1.

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>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Do we need to repeat all the recitations in the motion? No. Okay. It's -- what? Is there a second to the motion? Councilmember Garza seconds this motion. Let's take a -- any discussion? All in favor of approving this canvassing please raise your hand. Those opposed? It's unanimous on the dais with the mayor pro tem not here, out of town. Councilmember troxclair off the dais, councilmember Casar off the dais. This motion passes on a vote of eight in favor, zero against, and three not present. That gets us then to our second item on the agenda. Second item on our agenda is a -- is an ordinance ordering a runoff election to be held in the city of Austin on December 11, 2018, for the purpose of electing city councilmembers in single-member districts for districts 1, 3 and 8. Making provision for the conduct of the election and declaring an emergency. Someone want to move passage of this ordinance? Ms. Houston makes that motion. Is there a second to this motion? Councilmember pool seconds it. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, let's take a vote. Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed? It passes on an 8-0-3 vote with three members not present. That being the mayor pro tem and councilmembers troxclair and Casar. I think those are all the items we have in front of us so here at 2:14, I adjourn our special called meeting. Thanks everybody for coming back today to do this.

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>> Mayor Adler: Everybody can go.

>> I just want to clarify, we actually needed eight votes for the second item so I appreciate everybody being here.

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Everybody counted. For the canvassing for runoff we'll only need two. That will be December 19th so I'll be reaching out to you to see if there are two of you around for December 19.

>> Mayor Adler: To canvass an election it takes two, to pass an ordinance it takes six to pass, but to do it in one day it takes eight in an emergency. That's why we needed eight today.

>> And you are welcome to stay, but we're going to be doing the drawing for order on the ballot right now, if you ever are interested in how that works.

>> At this time we will be drawing for place on the ballot for the December runoff election. We begin with district 1. Place 1 on the ballot will be in a Natasha Harper Madison. Place 2 will be Mariana Salazar. For district 3, place 1 will be for Sabino Renteria. Place 2 will be Susana Almanza. For district 8, place 1 will be for Paige Ellis.

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And place 2 will be Frank Ward. That concludes the ballot drawing for the December runoff. Thank you.