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CITY OF BUELLTON CANDIDATE ELECTION – November 6, 2018

On November 6, 2018, Buellton residents will elect five members to the City Council. A Mayor who will serve a two-year term, two Council Members who will serve four-year terms, and two Council Members who will serve two-year terms. This is an unprecedented event in Buellton's history and came about by the circumstances detailed below.

The City of Buellton conducts elections every two years on an even-year cycle. Since incorporation, residents have elected three Council Members one year and two Council Members two years later. In 2014, residents voted to elect a Mayor every two years and the first elected Mayor (Holly Sierra) was elected November 8, 2016. This changed the election cycle by having an elected Mayor and one Council Member on the ballot one year (2016) and an elected Mayor and three Council Members on the ballot two years later (2018). On March 8, 2018, the City Council modified this election cycle so that an elected Mayor and two Council members are on the ballot every two years. However, this change required that of the three members of the City Council elected this year, the lowest elected vote getter would serve a two-year term to even out the election cycle from this point forward.

Further, because three Council Members left the Council in 2017 due to their relocation outside the City of Buellton, and after appointing two Members to the City Council, the Council could not appoint a third person pursuant to State Law. Instead, the seat left vacant by Foster Reif will be filled at the November 6, 2018 election for the remaining term of two years.