

RESOLUTION NUMBER 0018-2223

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION TO ADD A FIFTH COUNCILOR POSITION TO TATUM TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a Petition containing 61 signatures was filed with the Town of Tatum Clerk to request a special election, in accordance with NM State Statute 3-12-2.1; and

WHEREAS, at least 5% of the 468 registered voters within Tatum city limits signed the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Tatum, in Lea County, has determined that a special election shall be held on the 1st day of August, 2023, pursuant to the NM State Statute 1-24-2; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Tatum, in Lea County, has determined that there should be submitted to the electorate the option to approve or disapprove the following change: the number of members on the council be raised and the governing body be comprised of five (5) councilmen, in addition to the mayor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF TATUM, THAT:

1. On the 1st day of August, 2023, there will be held a special election for the purpose of submitting to the registered qualified electors of Tatum the question of adding a fifth Councilor position to the Town of Tatum Governing Body.

2. At the special election, the following question shall be submitting to the registered qualified electors of Tatum:

ADDITION OF A FIFTH COUNCILOR TO THE TOWN OF TATUM GOVERNING BODY

Shall the Town of Tatum Governing Body be comprised of an additional Council member, raising the number of Council members on the Governing Body from four (4) to five (5), in addition to the Mayor?

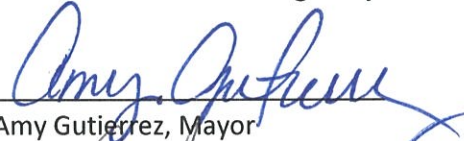
3. If at the election a majority of the registered voters voting on the question of changing the number of councilmen vote in favor of such change, all councilmen shall serve until their current term of office expires. At the subsequent regular municipal election, a fifth councilman will be elected.


4. If a majority of the registered voters voting on the question of changing the number of councilmen disapproves or approves of such change, then such change in the number of members shall not be considered again for a period of four (4) years from the date of the election.

5. The special election shall be conducted absentee and mailed ballots shall be used exclusively for voting in special elections, provided by the Lea County Clerk's Office.

Resolved: In the Regular Town Council Session this 9TH day of May, 2023.

Town of Tatum Governing Body


Amy Gutierrez, Mayor


Ron Smith, Mayor Pro Tem


Leisha Joiner, Councilor


Paul Ramirez, Councilor

ATTEST:


Amanda Thomas, Town Clerk/Treasurer



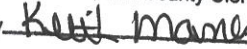
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Keith Manes, Lea County Clerk

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