



City of Santa Clara, California



**Date:** June 16, 2009

**To:** Mayor and City Council, City Manager

**From:** City Clerk/Auditor

**Subject:** Election Options and Estimated Costs Regarding Potential Ballot Measure for the Proposed San Francisco 49ers Stadium Up to the 2010 Primary Election

Per the request of the City Council, please find the below information regarding election options for the proposed San Francisco 49ers Stadium. As a frame of reference, the City of Santa Clara currently has 46,120 voters with 29,335 being permanent vote-by-mail voters. The information below is focused on the election options leading up to the June 2010 Primary Election:

- 1) **March 2, 2010 All Mail Ballot Election:** The option of an all mail ballot election to be held in March of 2010 is still being researched by City staff. While the Elections Code limits this option to cities with 100,000 residents or less, provisions of the City Charter and the related law are being researched to see if this is an option for Santa Clara as a charter city.

If it is found to be an option, it would be appropriate to call a March 2, 2010 All Mail Ballot Election at the Council meetings of either November 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The estimated costs for this election are \$364,459.

- 2) **April 13, 2010 Special City Election:** It would be appropriate to call an April 13, 2010 Special City Election at the Council meetings of either December 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The estimated costs for this election are \$652,395.
- 3) **June 8, 2010 Primary Election:** It would be appropriate to call a June 8, 2010 Primary Election for the City of Santa Clara in February of 2010. The 2010 schedule for Council meetings has not yet been set, but the goal would be to call the election a few weeks prior to the March 12, 2010 deadline currently proposed by the Registrar of Voters. The estimated costs for this election are \$151,644.

Please note that the above information is subject to modification based on the final Registrar of Voters election calendar and other factors. Please let me know if you would like additional information regarding potential options to place the San Francisco 49ers Stadium proposal on the ballot.

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Rod Diridon, Jr.  
City Clerk/Auditor

*Documents Related to this Report:* None

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