

## City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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## Legislation Text

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**CONSENT-** Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

## ADDITIONAL ELECTION JUDGE APPOINTMENTS AND 2016 GENERAL ELECTION CANVASS

Pursuant to Minnesota election law and City Charter, Council must appoint election judges and schedule canvassing of the November 8, 2016, General Election results. Staff is also requesting authority to appoint election judges during the time preceding the election if necessary.

To date staff has recruited 270 Blaine/Anoka County residents to serve as election judges. State Statute and City Charter require that election judges be appointed by the Council at least 25 days prior to the election so staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Clerk to make appointments and substitutions as necessary should the need arise in the 25 days prior to the election. Election law does allow for emergency appointments on Election Day. Staff is currently recruiting additional judges and anyone interested in serving is encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office.

Council is required to canvass the results of the General Election between three and 10 days after the election and the canvass will be included as part of the regular Council agenda on November 17.

- a. Adopt the proposed Resolution approving the appointment of proposed election judges and authorizing the City Clerk to appoint and assign election judges during the 25 days preceding the election if substitutions are necessary;
- b. Schedule canvass of the General Election results to be held during the regular City Council meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2016.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is required by Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.21, Sec. 2, and Chapter 4, Nominations and Elections, Section 4.05 of the City Charter, to officially approve the appointment of election judges; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby adopts the judges listed on Exhibit A, hereto attached, as the official election judges for the 2016 General Election; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint and assign election judges during the 25 days preceding the election if additions or substitutions are necessary in order to fill vacancies and meet party balances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Blaine that the names listed on Exhibit A, hereto attached, are the official Election Judges for the City of Blaine 2016 General Election.