

**AN ORDER SCHEDULING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN
THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY, THE 4TH DAY
OF NOVEMBER, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE CITY OF
SOCORRO DISTRICT 1 CITY REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 2 CITY
REPRESENTATIVE, AND DISTRICT 3 CITY REPRESENTATIVE**

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1.
ELECTION ORDERED.**

In compliance with the Charter of the City of Socorro and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the City Council hereby orders that a general election be held on November 4, 2025, as authorized by section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, at which qualified voters residing within the City of Socorro may vote for the purpose of electing the City of Socorro District 1 City Representative, District 2 City Representative, and District 3 City Representative.

The general election shall be conducted by contract with the El Paso County Elections Department. The City Manager is authorized to approve and accept any agreements with the El Paso County Elections Department and to do all other things required for conduct of this Election.

**SECTION 2.
CANDIDATES**

Candidates may file an application for a place on the election ballot with the City Secretary or designee commencing on July 19, 2025, in the Socorro City Hall, located at 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927 during regular office hours on regular business days. The filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2025, pursuant to section 143.007 of the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 3.
BALLOT.**

The Socorro City Secretary/City Clerk shall coordinate procedures with the El Paso County Elections Department to ensure that ballots are prepared to be used in said election, on which ballots shall be printed the names of the candidates for the positions of City of Socorro District 1 City Representative, District 2 City Representative, and District 3 City Representative. The ballots, and such other materials as may be required by Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code, shall be printed in English and in Spanish for use in said general election.

SECTION 4.

DRAWING FOR PLACES ON THE BALLOT.

In the event there are two or more candidates for the indicated positions, the order in which the names of such candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing to be conducted by the City Secretary. At least 72 hours prior to the date and time on which the drawing is to be held, the City Secretary shall post a notice in the City Hall of the time and place of the drawing which shall remain posted continuously until after the drawing, and shall also give notice to any candidate who makes written request therefor and furnishes to the City Secretary a self-addressed stamped envelope such written notice, or via telephone, if a telephone number is provided on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot, or e-mail, if an e-mail address is provided on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot, pursuant to Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code. Each candidate involved in the drawing or a representative designated by him or her shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing, pursuant to section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5.

EARLY VOTING CLERKS.

- (a) The El Paso County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk. The official mailing address is:
500 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite #314
El Paso, Texas 79901
Facsimile No.: (915) 546-2220
E-mail: ballotrequests@epcounty.com
Website: www.epcountyvotes.com
- (b) The City Secretary of the City of Socorro shall serve as Chief Deputy Early Voting Clerk.
- (c) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Early Voting Clerk at the address, facsimile number, or e-mail address set out in subsection (a) above. The electronic transmission of a scanned application must contain an original signature.
- (d) Applications for ballot by mail must be received, not postmarked, no later than the close of business on October 24, 2025, pursuant to section 84.007 of the Texas Election Code, except as otherwise provided by law. The date of submission of a scanned and e-mailed application for ballot by mail is determined by the date and time the e-mail was sent by the applicant. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed, the original hardcopy must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the fourth business day after receiving the email or fax for the application for ballot by mail. Late ballot voting shall be conducted pursuant to chapters 102 and 103 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 6.**EARLY POLLING LOCATIONS.**

Early voting shall be conducted at the locations and on the dates and times set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof, during the period commencing on Monday, October 20, 2025, and ending on Friday, October 31, 2025.

The early voting locations and times are subject to change, and will be conducted at such early voting polling places, on such date and during the hours, as may be maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.

SECTION 7.**ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS.**

Voting on Election Day shall be conducted at the polling locations set forth in Exhibit "B," attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Election Day polling locations shall be kept open on November 4, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Election Day polling locations will be at those maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.

SECTION 8.**VOTING SYSTEM.**

- (a) An electronic voting system, as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for voting at the polling places at said election and for counting the ballots and the tabulation of the results. The conduct of the election and the use of the electronic voting system shall be in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The voting system shall be accessible to disabled voters, pursuant to Chapter 61 of the Texas Election Code.
- (b) The El Paso County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite #314, El Paso, Texas 79901, is hereby established as the Central Counting Station for the ballots cast in said election.
- (c) An individual having knowledge and experience in the conduct of elections with the electronic voting system for which the Central Counting Station is established shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as the Manager of the Central Counting Station. The Manager shall be in charge of overall administration of the Central Counting Station and the general supervision of the personnel working at the Station.

- (d) An individual, trained in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment installed at the Central Counting Station, shall be appointed by El Paso County Elections Department as Tabulation Supervisor. The Tabulation Supervisor shall be in charge of the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment.
- (e) An individual shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as Assistant to the Tabulation Supervisor. Such assistant shall assist the Tabulation Supervisor in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment as directed by the Tabulation Supervisor.
- (f) An individual shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station. Said individual shall maintain order at the Central Counting Station and shall have such authority as may be prescribed by the Texas Election Code.
- (g) Due returns shall be made to the City Council showing the number of votes cast for each candidate for each office.

SECTION 9.
ELECTION BY MAJORITY.

The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for the office for which he or she is a candidate shall be elected to such office. If no candidate for an office receives a majority of the votes cast for that office, the City Council will order a runoff election for such office, between the two persons receiving the highest number of votes for that office, in accordance with Tex. Const. Art. 11, Sec. 11, and Subchapter B of Chapter 2 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 10.
PROCLAMATION.

This order shall constitute the proclamation, call, notice and ordinance calling and ordering said election.

SECTION 11.
PUBLICATION.

Notice of said election shall be given by publishing a Notice of Election, in English and in Spanish, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before Election Day in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, pursuant to section 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be posted on the City's board used for posting notices of the meeting of the Socorro City Council not later than the 21st day before Election Day, and shall remain posted continuously through Election Day, pursuant to section 4.003(b) of the Texas Election Code.

Notice of this election shall be delivered to the County Clerk of El Paso County and the El Paso County Elections Administrator not later than the 60th day before Election Day, pursuant to the section 4.008 of the Texas Election Code.

Notice of this election shall also be posted on the City of Socorro Internet website.

SECTION 12.
NOTICE.

That the way and manner of holding said election, the notice to be given therefor, the polling places, the personnel and the officers who are to hold same, and all details connected with the holding of the election shall be provided for and arranged by the City Secretary; that the proper notice and publication of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance shall be only cumulative of and in addition to the statutory notice of said election as herein provided; and that any omission or irregularity in this notice or in the publication or posting of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance, or in the signing of same, shall not in any way affect or invalidate such election.

SECTION 13.
CONTROLLING LAW.

That in all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Texas Election Code, the City Charter of the City of Socorro and applicable City of Socorro Ordinances.

SECTION 14.
OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this order was adopted and said election was called was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 15.
EFFECTIVE DATE.

That this election order, proclamation, call and notice shall take effect upon adoption.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

By:

Rudy Cruz
Rudy Cruz, Mayor



ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James A. Martinez

James A. Martinez, City Attorney

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE:

June 5

, 2025.

EXHIBIT “A”

CITY OF SOCORRO NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS

Early Voting. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on the attached dates and times and at the following locations, but may be subject to change. The early voting locations will be conducted at such early voting polling places, on such date and during the hours, as may be maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.

EXHIBIT “B”

CITY OF SOCORRO NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION

Election Day Voting. Voting on Election Day shall be conducted at the attached time and locations, but may be subject to change, but will be conducted at such polling places as may be maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.