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Subject: RE: Subject: Inquiry Regarding Municipal Elections Schedule Adjustment from Odd to Even Years

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Hi Rafael,

Please see responses below. Coincidentally, you should have received an email from Liz with an official letter from me regarding the election date changes we have spoken about in the past to formalize/memorialize the request.

Regards,
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EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Dear Supervisor Christina White,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to you on behalf of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez regarding an upcoming discussion at the Public Safety, Neighborhood, and Quality of Life Committee meeting.

Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez has expressed interest in exploring the possibility of aligning our municipal elections with even-numbered years. As part of our preparations, we would like to understand the logistical aspects of this potential adjustment. Specifically, we are curious to know if the general election must occur in August, with a runoff, if necessary, in November. Alternatively, is there flexibility in determining the timing of these elections?

If you change your election calendar to even years, you are welcome to do so! However, it must coincide with regularly scheduled countywide elections – the August and November dates set by Florida Statute. And your candidate qualifying would also have to align with our needs since there are specific deadlines in Florida Statute associated with these elections. There is no flexibility on this.

Furthermore, we are particularly interested in exploring whether transitioning to even-numbered years for municipal elections would lead to significant cost savings for the city. Any information or data you can provide on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Putting aside that alternative even year dates are not available, if this question is related to stand alone elections, there would be no cost savings. Your city pays for all costs associated with the conduct of your election. I don't see the benefit in this change. If you "piggyback" on the county calendar, there is a savings. I believe we've provided these estimates (piggybacking vs stand alone) multiple times. Let me know if you need my Finance Division to provide this again.

Finally, we would welcome any insights or recommendations you may have regarding the potential benefits and hindrances associated with such a change. Understanding these factors will be crucial as we evaluate the feasibility and implications of adjusting our municipal elections schedule.

By consolidating onto a countywide election, you benefit from greater voter participation, is less expensive for your city and the County Canvassing Board will oversee and certify the election. We would be responsible for all matters related to the election aside from your office's responsibility with candidates.

If your city commission opts to remain on the odd year calendar, we are hopeful the election date changes we have requested will be honored. The benefits are outlined in the letter.

Thank you for considering our request.

Best regards,

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