



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the City Clerk

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Debbie Racca-Sittre

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Contract for Election Services with the Bexar County Elections Office for the May 6, 2023 General and Charter Elections, the June 10, 2023 Runoff Election (if needed), and new voter identification cards for San Antonio residents impacted by redistricting. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

**SUMMARY:**

This Ordinance authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and contract for election services with the Bexar County Elections Office not to exceed an amount of \$1,531,000.00 for the City of San Antonio's General and Charter Election scheduled for May 6, 2023 and for the June 10, 2023 Runoff Election (if needed). The contract also includes funding for new voter identification cards for City of San Antonio residents impacted by redistricting. Funds are available in the FY 2023 General Fund Adopted Budget.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Section 271.002(a) of the Texas Election Code authorizes two or more political subdivisions to enter into an agreement to hold elections jointly in the precincts that can be served by common polling places.

**ISSUE:**

Participation in a joint election with other political subdivisions allows the entities to share common expenses for voting machines, election facilities, and poll workers, thereby reducing the cost of the election for each political subdivision. It also provides for greater convenience to voters to participate in the elections of multiple political subdivisions served by common polling places with one single ballot.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

There are no alternatives to elections held by the Bexar County Elections Office.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance authorizing a contract and memorandum of understanding with the Bexar County Elections Office for the City of San Antonio's May 6, 2023 General and Charter Election, and June 10, 2023 Runoff Election (if needed), and reimbursement of costs associated with new voter registration cards for residents impacted by redistricting.