

Ward 5 Vacancy: Method to Fill Vacancy

August 12, 2022



Background

August 8, 2022:

Neoma Jardon (Ward 5)
Council Member submitted
a letter of resignation
effective August 15, 2022.

Ward 5 term:
November 2020 thru
November 2024

Authorization

Nevada Revised Statutes:

- NRS 268.325 : Method to Fill Vacancy

Reno City Charter

- 1.070 : Elective offices: Vacancies
- 5.010 : General elections
- 5.030 : Applicability of state election laws; elections under City Council control

Method Selection

Option 1 - Special Election

- Estimated cost provided by Washoe County
Registrar of Voters : \$102K
- Estimated time provided by Washoe County
Registrar of Voters : Start process in Jan. 2023
- Estimated date Ward 5 residents will have new representation: March/April 2023

Option 1: Special Election Timeline

August 12: Council selects the method for filling the vacancy.

August 24: Council adopts a Resolution to hold a Special Election

Est. Feb 2023: Ward 5 Voters participate in the Special Election

Est. Mar 2023: City Council will Canvass Special Election Results

Method Selection

Option 2 - City Council Selection and Appointment within 30 Days

- Appointments in 2014 and 2019 for At-Large
- Appointment process for City Manager
- Appointment process for City Clerk
- Ward 5 Residents have representation by
September 14, 2022 Reno City Council Meeting

Option 2: Appointment Timeline

August 12: Council selects the method for filling the vacancy.

August 15-19: City Clerk's Office accepts applications

August 25: Council Selects Finalists

September 7: Council interviews finalists and makes the appointment

Recommendation

I move to fill the vacancy in the Ward 5 Council seat through either (1) a special election or (2) an appointment process and direct staff to move forward with the timeline presented.