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With Seats Uncontested, Grover Beach Cancels City Official Elections Saving Taxpayers \$15,000

GROVER BEACH, CA — Grover Beach will not hold elections for Mayor or City Council Members on November 2 as seats for those positions were uncontested. Propositions, offices for state and other local officials will still be on the ballot.

In August, the City found itself in the unique position of having only one candidate for each of the three open positions on the Council. Consequently, the Council made the decision to cancel the election and save the City approximately \$15,000. State law allows cities to cancel an election when seats for elective offices are uncontested.

The period to run for a seat on the Grover Beach City Council in 2010 ended in early August. Two of the incumbents (Mayor John P. Shoals and Mayor Pro Tem Bill Nicolls) and one candidate (Phyllis A. Molnar) filed nomination papers. No other candidate filed.

Given the fact that there were only three candidates for the three Council positions, which were scheduled to expire in December, the Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, August 18, 2010. The decision was to either appoint the candidates to fill the three vacant seats or hold an official election. After some discussion and public comments, the Council took action to cancel the election.

"It made sense to cancel the election in light of the economy, the fact that these races were uncontested and, more importantly, the fact that the City could save taxpayer dollars," said current Mayor John P. Shoals.

The three candidates, John P. Shoals, Bill Nicolls, and Phyllis A. Molnar, will take the Oaths of Office and be seated at the regular City Council meeting on Monday, December 6, 2010.

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