

**TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – February 15, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Nassif called to order the special meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council and the Successor Agency at 7:31 a.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present:

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Present: Council Members; Emick; Leon; Mayor Pro Tem Nassif;

Absent: Council Member Bishop; Mayor Cusack

OPENING CEREMONIES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Leon

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Rorex, Apple Valley, expressed concern regarding the Town implementing by-district elections. He believed the current at-large election system works well for the Town.

Al Rice, Apple Valley, shared his concern with the total outstanding amount owed to the Town through liens. Mr. Rice also expressed concern on various matters including, the Payroll / Benefits Warrants Schedule from the February 12, 2019 agenda which he believed had conflicting dates, and perceived errors.

Roger La Plante, Apple Valley, expressed appreciation to the Town Council for bringing Resolution 2019-04 for approval. He believed that the change to by-district elections would give many others the opportunity to serve.

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- 1. A Resolution of The Town Council of The Town of Apple Valley Declaring its Intention to Transition from At-Large to District-Based Elections Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10010 (E)(3)(A)**

Thomas Rice, Town Attorney, presented the staff report as filed with the Town Clerk.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nassif stated that the Town has looked at going to by-district elections in the past, and that the by-district system doesn't guarantee any potential candidate a seat on the council.

Council Member Emick expressed concern that by district elections could lead to low voter turnout and that districts could result in confusion amongst Apple Valley citizens.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nassif expressed concern that a by-district election would disenfranchise the voter who would only be able to vote for those running in their district. He also expressed his concern that the change could lead to infighting between districts.

Discussion ensued regarding the Towns research into going to a by-district system, and Santa Monica's fight as well as other communities to retain their at-large system. Also discussed was the impact of districts on candidates vying for a seat on the Council.

MOTION

Motion by Council Member Emick, seconded by Council Member Leon to:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-04, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley Declaring its Intention to Transition from At-Large to District-Based Elections Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10010 (e)(3)(A); and
- B. Authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and execute a written agreement with potential plaintiffs' relating to the provision of an additional 90 days in which to conduct public outreach in accordance with Elections Code Section 10010 (e)(3)(C).

Vote: Motion carried 3-0-0-2

Yes: Council Member Emick, Council Member Leon, Mayor Pro-Tem Nassif

Absent: Council Member Bishop, Mayor Cusack

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Emick, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nassif to adjourn the special meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council at 8:45 a.m.

Scott Nassif, Mayor Pro Tem

Kiel Mangerino, Records Technician