

*Ivy Avalos*  
Mayor  
  
*Ruben Reyes*  
At Large  
  
*Cesar Nevarez*  
District 1



*Alejandro Garcia*  
District 2  
  
*Rudy Cruz, Jr.*  
District 3/Mayor ProTem  
  
*Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*  
District 4  
  
*Adriana Rodarte*  
City Manager

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF SOCORRO**

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THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915) 858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

LA INSTALACIÓN ES ACCESIBLE PARA SILLAS DE RUEDAS Y HAY PLAZAS DE ESTACIONAMIENTOS DISPONIBLES. LAS SOLICITUDES DE ADAPTACIÓN PARA SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION DEBEN HACERSE 48 HORAS ANTES DE ESTA REUNIÓN. COMUNÍQUESE CON LA OFICINA DEL SECRETARIO DE LA CIUDAD AL (915) 858-2915 PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 18<sup>TH</sup>, DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS, 860 N. RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED:

THIS WRITTEN NOTICE, THE MEETING AGENDA, AND THE AGENDA PACKET, ARE POSTED ONLINE AT [HTTP://CL.SOCORRO.TX.US/CITY-CLERK-PUBLIC-NOTICE](http://CL.SOCORRO.TX.US/CITY-CLERK-PUBLIC-NOTICE) THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO ACCESS THE MEETING BY CALLING TOLL FREE-NUMBER 844-854-2222 ACCESS CODE 323610.

THE PUBLIC MAY CALL IN 844-854-2222 ACCESS CODE 323610 BY 5:30 PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME (MST) ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024 TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE AGENDA ITEM THEY WISH TO COMMENT ON. THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.  
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1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 4. Public Comment** (The maximum time for public comment will be 30 minutes and three minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Government Code 551.042 allows for responses by city council to be a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or a decision to add the public comment to a future agenda.)

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REMOVE SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER ACTING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**ANY MATTERS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE REGULAR AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT, IF AN APPROPRIATE EXCEPTION TO THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENT OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS APPLICABLE.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE NOT TAKEN DURING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 320**

- 5. *Excuse*** absent council members.

***Olivia Navarro***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CITY MANAGER**

- 6. *Discussion and action*** to approve Resolution 805, canvassing the returns of the General Election and Special Election held November 5, 2024.

***Adriana Rodarte***

- 7. *Swearing In*** of newly elected council members.

- 8. Discussion and action** to approve an order calling for a Runoff Election to be held on December 14, 2024, from the General Election in the Office of District 4 Representative.

*Adriana Rodarte*

The City Council of the City of Socorro may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City of Socorro Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551, Subchapter D to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of Socorro may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

***Discussion on the following:***

- 9. Discussion and action** on advice received from City Attorney in closed session, and action to approve real estate transaction; authorize filing or settlement of legal action; authorize employment of expert witnesses and consultants, and employment of special counsel with respect to pending legal matters.

*Adriana Rodarte*

- 10. Discussion and action** on qualifications of individuals for employment and for appointment to Boards & Commissions, job performance of employees, real estate acquisition and receive legal advice from City Attorney regarding legal issues affecting these matters.

*Adriana Rodarte*

- 11. Discussion and action** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation.

*Adriana Rodarte*

**12. Adjourn**

**DATED THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024**

By:   
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the City Council of Socorro, Texas is a correct copy of the notice and that I posted this notice at least Seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in Socorro, Texas.

**DATED THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER, 2024**

By:   
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**Olivia Navarro, City Clerk**

Agenda posted: 11-15-24 @ 12:14 on  
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**Rudy Cruz, Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At-Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1



**Alejandro Garcia**  
District 2

**Gina Caordero**  
District 3

**vacant**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

## RESOLUTION 805

### RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OF SOCORRO MAYOR, AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE AND DISTRICT 3 AND DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVES

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Socorro ordered a general election to be held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing the City of Socorro Mayor, At-Large Representative and District 4 Representative and a special election on that date for the purpose of electing the District 3 Representative.

**WHEREAS**, the election officers who held said election have duly made returns of the results thereof and said returns have been duly delivered to the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:**

1. That the City Council officially finds and determines that notice of said general election and special election was duly given, that proper election officers were duly appointed prior to said elections, that said elections were duly held, that due returns of the results of said elections have been duly made and delivered, that the general election and special election returns have properly been made out and duly certified by the officers of said elections in the different voting precincts of the City, and that the City Council has duly canvassed said returns, all in accordance with law and the order, resolution and amendments thereto calling said elections.

2. That the City Council officially finds and determines that the following votes were cast at said general election and special election for the following offices by the resident, qualified electors of said City who voted in the elections:

#### **CITY OF SOCORRO, Mayor**

Rudy Cruz, Jr.	4,932 votes	(62.51%)
Ivy Avalos	2,958 votes	(37.49%)

**CITY OF SOCORRO, Alderman – District at Large**

Ralph Duran	1,593 votes	(21.88%)
Ruben Reyes	3,659 votes	(50.27%)
Rene Rodriguez	2,027 votes	(27.85%)

**CITY OF SOCORRO, Alderman – District 3**

Ricardo H. Ortiz	652 votes	(37.32%)
Gina Cordero	1,095 votes	(62.68%)

**CITY OF SOCORRO, Alderman – District 4**

Enrique Cisneros	563 votes	(30.92%)
Alejandro Blinxs Saldana	195 votes	(10.71%)
Irene Rojas	611 votes	(33.55%)
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos	452 votes	(24.82%)

3. That for the office of District 4 Representative, no candidate received a majority of all votes cast for such office, and accordingly no one for said office is declared elected and a runoff election is to be called by the City Council in accordance with the Texas Election Code; and that the number of votes cast for each person who was a candidate for such office, according to the returns, is shown in paragraph 2 hereof.

4. That for the offices of Mayor, At-Large Representative and District 3 Representative, Rudy Cruz, Jr., Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero, respectively, received a majority of all votes cast for such office and that each candidate who received a majority of votes for such office is hereby declared elected to such office for the ensuing term or until the election and qualification of their successor; and that the number of votes cast for each person who was a candidate for such office, according to the returns, is shown in paragraph 2 hereof.

5. That on file in the City Clerk's Office and made a part hereof by reference are copies of the mechanical precinct tabulations of the votes cast at the general election and special election held on November 5, 2024, to elect the offices of Mayor, At-Large Representative and District 3 and District 4 Representatives, showing the number of votes cast in each precinct for each candidate.

6. That this Resolution is adopted subject to the right of any candidate to contest such general election or special election as provided by law.

7. That this Resolution was acted upon in accordance with the law by the Presiding Officer and City Council and was deemed that upon passage, it shall take effect immediately.

SO RESOLVED in open meeting by vote of the City Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

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Ivy Avalos, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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James A. Martinez, City Attorney

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE: November 18, 2024.

**AN ORDER SCHEDULING A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD IN  
THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON SATURDAY, THE 14<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF DECEMBER 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING  
DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE**

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1.**

**RUNOFF ELECTION ORDERED.**

As no candidate for District No. 4 Representative received a majority of the votes cast for said positions, the City Council hereby orders a runoff election for such positions, between the following two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for said positions:

**CITY OF SOCORRO, District 4**

Enrique Cisneros	563 votes	(30.92%)
Irene Rojas	611 votes	(33.55%)

In accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the City Council hereby orders that the runoff election be held on December 14, 2024, as authorized by section 2.021 of the Texas Election Code, at which qualified voters residing within the City of Socorro may vote for the purpose of electing the District No. 4 Representative.

The runoff election shall be conducted by contract with the El Paso County Elections Department. The City Manager is authorized to approve and accept any agreements with the El Paso County Elections Department and to do all other things required for conduct of this Election.

**SECTION 2.**

**BALLOT.**

The Socorro City Clerk shall coordinate procedures with the El Paso County Elections Department to ensure that ballots are prepared to be used in said election, on which ballots shall be printed the names of the runoff candidates for the position of District No. 4 Representative. The ballots, and such other materials as may be required by Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code, shall be printed in English and in Spanish for use in said general election.



### **SECTION 3.**

#### **DRAWING FOR PLACES ON THE BALLOT.**

Pursuant to Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code, the order of the candidates' names for the general election were determined by a drawing. The order of the candidates' names on the ballot of said resulting runoff election shall be the relative order of names on the original election ballot, pursuant to Section 52.094(a) of the Texas Election Code.

### **SECTION 4.**

#### **EARLY VOTING CLERK.**

- (a) The El Paso County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk. The official mailing address is:  
500 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite #314  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
Facsimile No.: (915) 546-2220  
E-mail: [ballotrequests@epcounty.com](mailto:ballotrequests@epcounty.com)
- (b) The City Secretary of the City of Socorro shall serve as Chief Deputy Early Voting Clerk.
- (c) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Early Voting Clerk at the address, facsimile number, or e-mail address set out in subsection (a) above. The electronic transmission of a scanned application must contain an original signature. Pursuant to section 84.007 of the Texas Election Code, an application for ballot by mail that is submitted via facsimile or e-mail must also be submitted via mail and received at the address in subsection (a) above, no later than the fourth business day after the request is sent via facsimile or email.
- (d) Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of regular business in the Early Voting Clerk's office, or 12 noon, whichever is later, on December 3, 2024, pursuant to section 84.007 of the Texas Election Code, except as otherwise provided by law. The date of submission of the scanned and e-mailed application for ballot by mail is determined by the date and time the e-mail was sent by the applicant. Late ballot voting shall be conducted pursuant to chapters 102 and 103 of the Election Code.

### **SECTION 5.**

#### **EARLY POLLING LOCATIONS.**

Early voting shall be conducted at the locations and on the dates and times set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 6.**  
**ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS.**

Voting on Election Day shall be conducted at the polling places set forth in Exhibit “B,” attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Election Day polling places shall be kept open on December 14, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**SECTION 7.**  
**VOTING SYSTEM.**

- (a) An electronic voting system, as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for voting at the polling places at said election and for counting the ballots and the tabulation of the results. The conduct of the election and the use of the electronic voting system shall be in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The voting system shall be accessible to disabled voters, pursuant to Chapter 61 of the Texas Election Code.
- (b) The El Paso County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite #314, El Paso, Texas 79901, is hereby established as the Central Counting Station for the ballots cast in said election.
- (c) An individual having knowledge and experience in the conduct of elections with the electronic voting system for which the Central Counting Station is established shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as the Manager of the Central Counting Station. The Manager shall be in charge of overall administration of the Central Counting Station and the general supervision of the personnel working at the Station.
- (d) An individual, trained in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment installed at the Central Counting Station, shall be appointed by El Paso County Elections Department as Tabulation Supervisor. The Tabulation Supervisor shall be in charge of the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment.
- (e) An individual shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as Assistant to the Tabulation Supervisor. Such assistant shall assist the Tabulation Supervisor in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment as directed by the Tabulation Supervisor.
- (f) An individual shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station. He shall maintain order at the Central Counting Station and shall have such authority as may be prescribed by the Texas Election Code.

- (g) Due returns shall be made to the City Council showing the number of votes cast for each candidate for each office.

## **SECTION 8.**

### **ELECTION BY MAJORITY.**

The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for the office for which he or she is a candidate shall be elected to such office. *See* TEX. CONST. art. XI, §11. A tie vote shall be resolved pursuant to the Texas Election Code.

## **SECTION 9.**

### **PROCLAMATION.**

This order shall constitute the proclamation, call, notice and ordinance calling and ordering said election.

## **SECTION 10.**

### **PUBLICATION.**

Notice of said election shall be given by publishing a Notice of Election, in English and in Spanish, not earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day or later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, pursuant to section 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of the notice of this election shall be posted on the City's board used for posting notices of the meeting of the Socorro City Council not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day, and shall remain posted continuously through Election Day, pursuant to sections 4.003(b) and 2.026 of the Texas Election Code.

Notice of this election shall also be posted on the City of Socorro website.

## **SECTION 11.**

### **NOTICE.**

That the way and manner of holding said election, the notice to be given therefor, the polling places, the personnel and the officers who are to hold same, and all details connected with the holding of the election shall be provided for and arranged by the City Clerk; that the proper notice and publication of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance shall be only cumulative of and in addition to the statutory notice of said election as herein provided; and that any omission or irregularity in this notice or in the publication or posting of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance, or in the signing of same, shall not in any way affect or invalidate such election.

**SECTION 12.**  
CONTROLLING LAW.

That in all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Texas Election Code, and the applicable conforming provisions of the Charter and ordinances of the City of Socorro.

**SECTION 13.**  
OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this order was adopted and said election was called was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 14.**  
EFFECTIVE DATE.

That this election order, proclamation, call and notice shall take effect upon adoption.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Martinez, City Attorney

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE: November \_\_\_\_, 2024.

## EXHIBIT “A”

CITY OF SOCORRO DECEMBER 14, 2024, RUNOFF ELECTION

### EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS

**Early Voting.** Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on the attached dates and times and at the following locations, but may be subject to change.

#### **December 2, 2024 – December 10, 2024**

<b><u>Early Voting Locations</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	
<b><u>Dates/Times</u></b>		
1. Chayo Apodaca Community Center	341 N. Moon Rd.	Monday Dec 2 , - Friday Dec 6, 2024 9am-6pm Saturday Dec 7 – Sunday Dec 8, 2024 12pm-5pm Monday Dec 9, and Dec 10, 2024 9am -6pm
2. El Paso County Courthouse Third Floor, Back Lobby	500 E. San Antonio Ave. 79901	Monday Dec 2-Friday Dec 6, 2024 8am – 5pm Saturday Dec 7, 2024 12pm – 5pm Sunday Dec 8, 2024 12pm to 5pm Monday Dec 9, and Dec 10, 2024 8 am to 5 pm

**\*And such other locations, dates, and hours, as may be maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.**

## EXHIBIT “B”

### CITY OF SOCORRO DECEMBER 14, 2024 RUNOFF ELECTION

*December 14, 2024 7:00 am to 7:00 pm*

*14 de diciembre, 2024, 7:00 am a 7:00 pm*

Polling Place	Address
H.D. Hilley Elementary School	693 N. Rio Vista Rd.
Robert R. Rojas Elementary School	500 Bauman Rd.
Chayo Apodaca Community College	341 N. Moon
Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.
EPCC Mission Del Paso	10700 Gateway Blvd. East
Clint ISD Early College Academy	13100 Alameda Ave.

**\*And such other locations, dates, and hours, as may be maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.**