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SIERRA MADRE APPOINTS THREE MEMBERS TO CITY COUNCIL

August 24, 2026 – At its August 19, 2026, Special Meeting, the Sierra Madre City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-82 appointing Thomas S. Denison, Kris Lowe (incumbent), and Geoff Woods to four-year terms on the City Council. With only three qualified candidates for three available seats, the City Council also cancelled the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election contest for City Council offices.

The City Council called the election on June 9, 2026, to fill three City Council seats. The nomination period was open from July 13 through August 7, 2026. By the filing deadline, three candidates had qualified for the three available City Council seats: Denison, Lowe, and Woods.

Under California Elections Code Section 10229, when the number of qualified candidates does not exceed the number of offices to be filled and there is no citywide contested race, the City Clerk certifies those facts to the City Council and publishes a public notice. The required notice was published in the *Mountain Views News* on August 14, 2026.

Following the required notice period, the City Council voted to appoint Denison, Lowe, and Woods to the three available seats rather than conduct an election for the City Council offices. The three appointees will take office and serve their four-year terms in the same manner as if elected at the November 3, 2026, election.

The cancellation applies only to the City Council contest. Sierra Madre voters will continue to participate in other federal, state, county, and local contests and measures appearing on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

By cancelling the City Council contest, the City is expected to save approximately \$65,000 in election costs that had been budgeted for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

For additional election information, please visit sierramadrecalifornia.gov/elections.

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About Sierra Madre

Nestled against the scenic foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and adjacent to the Angeles National Forest, Sierra Madre is a close-knit, village-like community with a population of just under 11,000. Located 15 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, Sierra Madre offers easy access to regional transportation corridors while maintaining the charm and tranquility of a small mountain town. The City is known for its historic downtown, iconic Wistaria vine, walkable neighborhoods, and vibrant community traditions, including its beloved Fourth of July and Mount Wilson Trail Race events. With its strong volunteer spirit, highly engaged residents, and a longstanding commitment to preserving its unique character, Sierra Madre continues to be recognized as one of the most desirable places to live in the San Gabriel Valley—offering a quality of life that truly feels like “Village Living in the Foothills.”

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