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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR CITY MEASURE ON
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT: MEASURE C- AMENDMENTS
TO CHARTER SECTION 66 REGARDING BOARD OF
EDUCATION ELECTIONS**

This measure would amend the San Diego City Charter to eliminate the Municipal Primary Election to fill a San Diego Board of Education (Board) seat up for election when there are two or fewer candidates who qualify to participate in the election. Instead, the Board seat would be voted upon at the Municipal General Election. For context, Municipal Primary and General Elections are often consolidated with the respective State of California elections.

Currently, Board member candidates are voted upon at both the primary and the general election. The top two candidates with the most votes in the primary election advance to the general election, even when there are only two candidates or when a candidate is running unopposed.

Eliminating the primary election for a Board member seat that has two or fewer candidates would save the San Diego Unified School District approximately \$130,000 per seat. This was the approximate cost in the March 2024 primary election associated with holding Board member elections for each of the three seats up for election; in which two incumbent candidates ran unopposed, and the third seat had only two candidates. Since the San Diego Unified School District pays the San Diego Registrar of Voters for election costs, there are no fiscal impacts to the City of San Diego.

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