David Torgler, Administrator/Clerk

COMMUNICATION FORM

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FROM: David Torgler, Town Administrator/Clerk
DATE: December 8, 2023
ITEM: Resolution 2023-021 A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Oak Creek, Colorado, Directing and Authorizing the Town Clerk of the Town of Oak Creek to Conduct the Regular Municipal Election Scheduled for April 2, 2024 as a Mail Ballot Election
ATTACHED: Resolution 2023-021 Directing and Authorizing the Town Clerk of the Town of Oak Creek to Conduct the Regular Municipal Election Scheduled for April 2, 2024 as a Mail Ballot.

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BOARD ACTION: __X__ ACTION ITEMS
_____ DIRECTION REQUESTED
_____ INFORMATION

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REQUEST OR ISSUE: To consider approval of Resolution 2023-021 A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Oak Creek, Colorado, Directing and Authorizing the Town Clerk of the Town of Oak Creek to Conduct the Regular Municipal Election Scheduled for April 2, 2024 as a Mail Ballot Election.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board approves Resolution 2023-021 as presented.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: It appears that voter turnout is higher in the Town of Oak Creek when the Mail Ballot election process is used versus a polling place election. Prior to the 2018 Mail Ballot - Regular Municipal Election the Town held polling place elections and voter turnout was lower than it has been for the 2018 and 2020 Mail Ballot elections. For example the 2016 election included approximately seventy five ballots, the 2018 election included 183 ballots and the 2020 election included 238 ballots.

FISCAL IMPACTS: If the election is not cancelled, then the election judges will oversee the upcoming election and will be compensated in accordance with past practice however with a Mail Ballot, the number of election judges will be minimized.

LEGAL ISSUES: None known. All election activities must conform to statutory requirements.

CONFLICTS OR ISSUES: None known.

SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES: As an alternative, the upcoming election could be held as a polling place election.

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