

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: October 10, 2019

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Kathleen Dominguez, CMC, Town Clerk

Re: Adoption of the Town's 2020 General Election Date and Other Important Election
Related Dates - **Resolution No. 116-2019**

Date: September 26, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 116-2019, adopting the Town's 2020 general election date, qualifying period, date of meeting to declare the results of the caucus and if necessary, the run-off date.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the June 11, 2019, Town Council meeting, staff was directed to prepare an ordinance authorizing the Town to set an election date and qualifying period concurrent with a countywide and statewide presidential preference primary (PPP) election year. Additionally, the Town Council approved moving the Town Caucus date to Tuesday, December 3, 2019, and the qualifying period to Wednesday, December 4, 2019, in order to meet the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections ballot language deadline.

As directed, staff prepared Ordinance No. 31-2019, to codify the procedure for conducting all future Town elections on the same date as a statewide and countywide PPP election. The ordinance was adopted on second reading on September 10, 2019, and provides that "*When a presidential preference primary election year occurs, the Town shall by resolution, set a concurrent election date, qualifying period, date of meeting to declare the results of the Caucus, and date of run-off election, if any.*"

It is important to note that the original dates approved in June for holding the Town Caucus and qualifying period conflict with the Town's Holiday Tree Lighting events scheduled to take place in Memorial Park and Worth Avenue on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Therefore, staff recommends Town Council approve Resolution No. 116-2019 with the following revised dates:

Town Caucus: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Qualifying Period: Thursday, December 5, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form.

cc: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
John C. Randolph, Town Attorney