An ordinance declaring unopposed candidates elected to the offices of City Council District 1, District 2, and District 4.

Whereas in accordance with Article II, Section 3 of the City Charter and Chapter 2, Section 2-1 of the City Code of the City of Victoria, Texas, and the laws of the State of Texas, by Ordinance No. 2024-8, a joint general election was called for May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing the City Council District 1, City Council District 2 and City Council District 4; and

Whereas Sections 2.051 through 2.053 of the Texas Election Code permit a political subdivision to declare candidates elected to office if no candidates in the election are opposed; and the City Secretary has certified that no candidates have filed for the office of City Council Districts 1, 2, or 4 other than the unopposed candidates;

Now therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Victoria, Texas:

1. The following unopposed candidates are declared elected to the following offices for a three-year term:

   Councilmember, District 1 Rafael De La Garza, III
   Councilmember, District 2 Steven Kidder
   Councilmember, District 4 Jan Scott

2. If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

3. Early voting is scheduled to begin on April 22, 2024; therefore, an emergency is declared and the requirement of Article II, Section 9 of the City Charter that no ordinance shall be passed finally on the date of its first reading is suspended, and this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by the City Council of the City of Victoria, Texas.

Passed by Emergency Reading, this the 5th day of March, 2024
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

#Ordinance No. 2024-33
Abstentions: 0
Approved and adopted, this the 5th day of March, 2024

Duane Crocker,
Mayor of the City of Victoria

Allison E. Lacey,
City Attorney

April Hilbrich,
City Secretary

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