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 as amended by Agreed Order Nunc Pro Tunc entered in the Voting Rights Acts lawsuit (Civil Action N. V-92-0006, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Victoria Division), 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 Nos. 2021-14 and 2021-21, a joint general election was called for May 1, 2021 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 person who currently holds office in the aforesaid district;

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       Josephine E. Soliz
   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 19, 2021; therefore, an emergency is declared and the requirement of Article II, § 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.

#Ordinance No. 2021-50
Passed by Emergency Reading, this the 2nd day of March, 2021
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0
Approved and adopted, this the 2nd day of March, 2021

Rawley McCoy,
Mayor of the City of Victoria

Thomas A. Gwosdz,
City Attorney

April Hilbrich,
City Secretary

#Ordinance No. 2021-50
Certification of Unopposed Candidates
by the City Secretary

I, April Hilbrich, certify that I am the City Secretary of the City of Victoria and
the authority responsible for furnishing ballot information to the appointed
elections administrator for the May 1, 2021 City Election. I further certify that
no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, no proposition is to
appear on the ballot, and the following candidates are unopposed:

Rafael De La Garza, III, City Council District 1
Josephine E. Soliz, City Council District 2
Jan Scott, City Council District 4

City Secretary, City of Victoria

Dated this 24th day of February 2021.