VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 04

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE 6 VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE 7 **CANDIDATES** WHO HAVE THREE **OFFICIALLY** 8 **QUALIFIED FOR THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE OF ESTERO** 9 VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 6; 10 FINDING AND DECLARING THAT THE 11 QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE UNOPPOSED FOR THE 12 DISTRICT 1, 2, AND 6 AVAILABLE VILLAGE COUNCIL 13 SEATS: FINDING AND DECLARING THAT PURSUANT TO 14 THE ESTERO CHARTER AND GENERAL LAW THAT 15 SUCH THREE **QUALIFIED** AND **UNOPPOSED** 16 CANDIDATES HAVE BECOME COUNCIL MEMBERS 17 ELECT AND SHALL TAKE OFFICE AS VILLAGE 18 **COUNCIL MEMBERS ON MARCH 21, 2017; DECLARING** 19 MUNICIPAL THE VILLAGE OF **ESTERO** 20 **ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7, 2017 IS HEREBY** 21 COMPLETED SINCE THERE ARE NO OTHER ELECTION 22 CONTESTS OR BALLOT MEASURES TO BE PRESENTED 23 TO THE ELECTORATE AT SUCH ELECTION; AND 24 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2016-34, adopted by the Village Council on November 2, 2016, called for an election for Village of Estero Council Members on Tuesday, March 7, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, there are currently three seats on the Village Council which will be required to be filled as a result of the expiring two-year terms of three Council members for Districts 1, 2, and 6; and

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WHEREAS, during the qualifying period there were three people qualified as Village Council candidates, specifically (in District order) William F. Ribble, Jr., District 1, Howard J. Levitan, District 2, and Nicholas Batos, District 6; and

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WHEREAS, since there is one qualified candidate for each of the Village Council seats in Districts 1, 2, and 6 to be filled, the three qualified candidates are deemed to be unopposed and are further deemed to be Council members elect as of the end of the candidate qualifying period; and

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WHEREAS, according to law, when qualified and unopposed, Village Council candidate names are not to be placed on any ballot and, since there are no other ballot measures

to be presented to that an election take	the electorate as part of the general election, there is no need or requirement te place.
NOW, TH	EREFORE , be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Estero,
Florida:	
Section 1.	The Village Council hereby finds and declares as follows:
(a)	William F. Ribble, District 1, Howard J. Levitan, District 2, and Nicholas Batos, District 6, having duly qualified during the candidate qualification period for the office of Village Council are hereby designated as the three qualified candidates for the three available Village Council seats; and
(b)	William F. Ribble, Jr., District 1, Howard J. Levitan, District 2, and Nicholas Batos, District 6, as designated qualified candidates who were and are unopposed for the three available Village Council seats, are hereby deemed Council members elect (in addition to their current status as sitting Council members) who shall take office as Village Council members in accordance with all requirements of law on March 21, 2017; and
(c)	The March 7, 2017 election is hereby completed, in accordance with the Village of Estero Charter and general election law. There is no need or requirement that the unopposed qualified candidates be placed on a ballot and there are no other election contests or ballot measures to be presented to the Estero electorate.
Section 2.	This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
ADOPTEI day of February, 2	D BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL of the Village of Estero, Florida, this <u>1</u> st 017.
Attest:	VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA
By: <u>Kathey</u> Kathy Hall, M	By: Nicholas Batos, Mayor
Reviewed for legal	l sufficiency:
By: My H. Burt Saunders	Esq., Village Attorney

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