Case Study

Riverbank Special Election

"With our partners at White Brenner, Riverbank undertook this special election endeavor without incident, without protest, without strife, without legal concerns and keeping our integrity intact."

—Riverbank Mayor, State of the City, February 2014

Opportunity

A vacancy on the Riverbank City Council occurred when a sitting councilmember was sworn in as Mayor. As a result, the City Council was faced with the decision to fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election..

Challenge

Unable to reach a consensus, the city council determined it necessary to hold a special election and sought election services from the County. However, the County Elections Official refused to provide, hold or conduct the special election.

Solution

White Brenner LLP took swift action in developing a plan of action to ensure the special election could move forward as scheduled. The firm assisted the City in securing a highly respected and sought after elections vendor who carried out the election seamlessly and for less money than the City would have paid to other election vendors.

Benefit

The special election was held, a new councilmember was chosen to fill the vacancy, there was high voter turnout and money was saved.

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