1. Special Election Overview
    - A special election will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, to fill the Council Member vacancy in District 1.
    - This will be a mail-only election; all registered voters in District 1 will receive their ballots by mail.
2. Candidate Filing Period
    - The nomination period for candidates is from May 5 through May 30, 2025.
    - All required nomination forms will be provided by the Merced County Elections Office.
3. Candidate Filing Services
    - Merced County Elections Office at 2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95340 will offer full candidate filing services during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.
    - To accommodate candidates in Los Banos, Merced County Elections is planning to bring a Mobile Services Trailer to a location near Los Banos City Hall on the following dates:
        - May 7, 8, 28 & 29, 2025.
        - These services are provided free of charge to the City to support local candidates.
4. Candidate Filing Process
    - First Appointment: Schedule by calling (209) 385-7541 or emailing candidateservices@countyofmerced.com. During this appointment, candidates will receive blank nomination petitions.
        - Petition Submission: Collect at least 20 valid signatures. Submit completed petitions for verification. No appointment is required for this step.
    - Second Appointment: After signature verification, schedule a second appointment to complete the remaining nomination documents.
5. Additional Information can be found on the City's website https://losbanos.org/ or the Merced County Elections website: https://www.countyofmerced.com/3632/Elections.
    - Call the Los Banos City Clerks Office at 209-827-2448