RESOLUTION NO.3363

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE EXISTENCE OF A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR A WRIT OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, R. Kirk McPike was duly elected as a member of City Council on the 5th day of November 2024 for a term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027;

WHEREAS, Councilmember McPike resigned from the City Council effective February 9, 2026;

WHEREAS, Councilmember McPike's resignation has resulted in a vacancy in the membership of the City Council;

WHEREAS, Sec. 10.02 of the City Charter provides that any vacancy in the membership of the City Council that occurs on or before 180 days prior to the next ensuing regular council election, such as this vacancy, shall be filled by a special popular election for the unexpired term;

WHEREAS, the Charter provides further that the City Council shall certify to the Circuit Court of Alexandria the existence of such vacancy;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24.2-226 of the Code of Virginia, the City Council shall petition the Circuit Court to issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy within fifteen days of the occurrence of the vacancy;

WHEREAS, the City Charter further requires that the Circuit Court of Alexandria shall order that a special election be held not less than forty nor more than sixty days after the filing of the resolution to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term;

WHEREAS, due to the statewide referendum scheduled for April 21, 2026, the City Council requests that the special election to fill the City Council vacancy be held on the same date in order to reduce the expense of conducting a separate election and to avoid voter confusion associated with multiple elections held in close succession; and

WHEREAS, the election shall be conducted and the results thereof ascertained in the manner provided by law for the conduct of elections and by the regular election officials of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That the Council certifies in accordance with Alexandria City Charter Section 10.02 that the resignation of Councilmember R. Kirk McPike has caused a vacancy to exist in the membership of the City Council.
2. That the City Attorney is authorized pursuant to Section 24.2-226 of the Code of Virginia to file this resolution and a petition with the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria

requesting that a writ of special election be issued and special election be held on April 21, 2026.

3. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED BY:

ALYIA GASKINS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GLORIA SITTON, CITY CLERK

Adopted: February 10, 2026