

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 4201

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE,
CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION OF A CITIZEN INITIATED
ORDINANCE (THE BIRD INITIATIVE) TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
THE CITY AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AND SETTING THE BALLOT QUESTION
THEREFOR**

WHEREAS, an initiative petition was circulated and filed with the City Clerk proposing an ordinance to restrict the retail sale of birds within the City of Lemon Grove and to require that birds be obtained only from animal shelters, humane societies, or nonprofit rescue organizations (the “Bird Initiative”); and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk, as the City’s Elections Official, examined the petition and certified its sufficiency, and the City Council received and filed the Certificate of Sufficiency of the petition at its regular meeting of May 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code § 9215, upon certification of a sufficient initiative petition the City Council shall either adopt the ordinance without alteration or submit the ordinance, without alteration, to the voters, and the City Council has elected to submit the Bird Initiative to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ordered the Bird Initiative placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot at its regular meeting of May 19, 2026, and now desires to order the submission of the Bird Initiative and to set the ballot question for the measure;

WHEREAS, the City Attorney, pursuant to Elections Code § 13119 has prepared the ballot question as follows:

Ballot Question

Shall the Measure restricting the sale of birds in the City of Lemon Grove, requiring that birds be obtained exclusively from animal shelters, humane societies, or nonprofit rescue organizations and establishing related regulations be adopted	YES
	NO

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE,
CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. That pursuant to Elections Code § 9215, there is called and ordered to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Lemon Grove, at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the Bird Initiative, a citizen initiated ordinance restricting the retail sale of birds within the City and requiring that birds be obtained only from animal shelters, humane societies, or nonprofit rescue organizations.

SECTION 2. That the ballot question for the Bird Initiative shall appear on the ballot in substantially the following form, in not more than 75 words, as finalized by the City Attorney pursuant to Elections Code § 13119:

SECTION 3. That the Bird Initiative shall be deemed approved if it receives a majority of the votes cast on the measure. If approved, the ordinance shall take effect as provided by Elections Code § 9217.

SECTION 4. That the full text of the ordinance proposed by the Bird Initiative shall be printed and made available to the voters as required by law, and the City Clerk is directed to include the full text in the voter information materials in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION 5. That the submission of the Bird Initiative shall be consolidated with the Statewide General Election as provided in the City Council's resolution requesting consolidation, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution, including the ballot question, and the full text of the ordinance to the San Diego County Registrar of Voters on or before August 7, 2026, the County's due date for measure resolutions.

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on July 21, 2026, the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California, adopted Resolution No. 2026 – 4201, passed by the following vote:

AYES: Snow, Smith, Mendoza, Heredia, Altamirano

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


Alysson Snow (Aug 6, 2026 11:40:12 PDT)

Alysson Snow, Mayor

Attest:


Joel G Pablo (Aug 3, 2026 13:08:12 PDT)

Joel G. Pablo, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Kristen Steinke

Kristen Steinke, City Attorney