



## ELECTION INFORMATION

City of Thornton Special Municipal Election – November 5, 2024

### Filling a Vacancy in the Office of Councilmember by Special Election

**Issue:** The City Charter currently provides that the City Council appoints an eligible person to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term of the office that was vacated. This ballot question proposes that in the event of a vacancy for which more than one year of the term remains the vacancy will be filled through a special election to be held within 120 days of the vacancy occurring but not within 90 days of a regular election. The term of office for the Councilmember elected to fill a vacancy shall be for the remainder of the vacated term.

**Pros:** Provides for resident elected representation to fill a Councilmember vacancy when more than one year remains in the term of the office that is vacated. Limits the use of City Council appointment to fill a Councilmember vacancy to when less than one year of the vacated term remains.

**Cons:** A ward wide special election to fill a Councilmember vacancy will result in additional costs to the City.