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Desert Hot Springs Mayor Yvonne Parks requests election recount



Trailing behind Mayor-elect Adam Sanchez by a slim margin of 12 votes, Desert Hot Springs Mayor Yvonne Parks has officially requested a recount of the Nov. 5 municipal election, according to the city clerk's office.

While some Parks supporters suggested voter fraud may have taken place, Desert Hot Springs Deputy City Clerk Jerry Soriano said Monday that Parks made no accusations in her recount request.

Desert Hot Springs Mayor Yvonne Parks is seen in a 2009 file photo. (Marilyn Chung, The Desert Sun)

The election results showed Sanchez with 1,042 votes, or 43.2 percent, to Parks' 1,030 votes, or 42.7 percent. Economist John-Paul Valdez received 340 votes in the Nov. 5 election.

"The request was transferred to the Registrar of Voters Office, who will be conducting the count," Soriano said. "Parks will be paying for the recount."

According to the recount document, Park is paying \$2,273.76 to cover the cost of the first the day's recount effort. The recount will start within seven days of Parks' request.

Soriano said the person requesting the recount can also ask for the priority in which ballots are counted. Parks has requested that paper ballots and electronic ballots being counted first.

While no formal accusation of voter has been made to date, during the recount, ballots may be challenged by the candidate or his/her representative. "If there is a challenge, the person making the challenge shall state the reason for it in brief language," according to California Code of Regulations.

