



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** County Clerk, Recorder  
and Assessor  
**Department No.:** 062  
**For Agenda Of:** June 6, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors *Just? Only* on behalf of Joseph E. Holland  
**FROM:** Department Joseph E. Holland, County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Michael Daly, Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters, (805) 568-2200  
**SUBJECT: Local Ballot Measure Supporters/Opponents Printing**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution in the Matter of Electing Not to List Supporters and Opponents for County, City, District and School Measures on the County Ballot and Future County Ballots; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), because it consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

Assembly Bill 1416 (AB 1416) passed by the State Legislature in 2022 and effective January 1, 2023, requires statewide measures' ballot labels to include a listing of supporters and opponents. The listing could include nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals taken from the signers or the text of the argument in favor or against the measure printed in the voter information guide.

California Elections Code section 9170(d), added by AB 1416, permits the County Board of Supervisors, at least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures, to elect to opt out of printing listings of supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots.

The inclusion of the lists of supporters and opponents for local measures on the ballot would result in increases to ballot length and size. Opting out of printing the listing of supporters and opponents will mitigate cost increases to ballot production, printing and postage resulting from increased ballot length and size. Furthermore, a listing of the supporters and opponents may already be found in the County Voter Information Guide as a part of the of the filed arguments for and against local measures. The County Voter Information Guide is mailed to voters and available on the County Registrar of Voters website.

The proposed action would allow the County Registrar of Voters to not list supporters and opponents of local measures in all future county ballots in accordance with Elections Code section 9170(d).

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** If the Resolution is not adopted, there are anticipated cost increases to ballot production, printing, and postage due to the increased ballot length and size of ballots resulting from the additional text.

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: There would only be significant fiscal impact if not approved. Estimating \$150,000+ for each election going forward.

**Key Contract Risks:**

N/A

**Staffing Impacts:**

There will be no increases or decreases in staff as a result of adopting the proposed resolution.

**Special Instructions:**

The Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor’s Elections Division requests the Clerk of the Board provide one (1) complete copy of the executed Resolution and one (1) Minute Order by email to Michael Daly at [mdaly@countyofsb.org](mailto:mdaly@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Resolution

**Authored by:**

Clerk, Recorder and Assessor's Elections Division

**cc:** Joe Holland