



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

**Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)**

Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
Agenda Date: May 5, 2026
Placement: Departmental Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Contact: Brittany Odermann, Deputy CEO
SUBJECT: Report on Elections Information

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive a report by County Elections Division, pursuant to the Board’s request on April 21, 2026; and
- b) Find that the proposed actions are administrative activities of the County, which will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment and therefore are not a “project” as defined for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Summary Text:

On April 21, 2026, the Board discussed several actions to safeguard upcoming elections and ensure voters can vote safely and their votes will be counted. This item is a report from the Elections Division as requested. Staff from the Elections Division will be available at the hearing to answer questions.

Discussion:

The Clerk-Recorder-Assessor-Registrar of Voters has successfully run elections in the County for over two decades. The Elections Division’s standard processes include things like ensuring appropriate

voter access, system integrity and cybersecurity, coordination with local law enforcement, and outreach for prospective poll workers.

At its April 21, 2026 meeting, the Board requested the following actions:

- 1) The Elections Division, in coordination with the District Attorney, Sheriff's Office and County Counsel, report on protocols and training for the June and November 2026 election cycle to prevent voter intimidation and to address any attempted use of polling locations or County property for immigration enforcement or other activities that could interfere with voter access by May 5, 2026;*
- 2) Receive report on County Employee Election Officer Program that encourages County employees to be trained poll monitors on election day and be paid their regular wages (similar to employees working in the Emergency Operations Center during times of emergencies); including efforts as to how awareness of that program can be increased and the program might be expanded upon, by May 5, 2026;*
- 3) Request the Elections Division in coordination with the Public Information Officer to issue clear, user-friendly, public guidance as to how ballots will be protected from any interference, including federal, state, county, and local entities, by May 5, 2026.*

In addition, the Board made the following request:

- 4) Request that County departments assist with the distribution of a "Know Your Rights" voting flyer. This flyer will be distributed to all members of the public, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, etc. prior to the June and November 2026 elections.*

The County's Communication Manager/Public Information Officer will be widely distributing the "Know Your Rights" flyer (in English and Spanish) to the public through local news outlets and social media in the coming month. The flyer will also distribute to department public information officers to send to their networks, post on their sites as necessary, and place in areas for their clients and customers.

Attachments:

Report from the Elections Division