



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Clerk, Recorder and Assessor
Department No.: 062
For Agenda Of: 04/09/2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Joseph E. Holland, Clerk, Recorder and Assessor
Contact Info: Renee Bischof, Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters- 696-8963

SUBJECT: Isla Vista Community Services District Requesting Consolidation with the Statewide General Election – Change to Even-Numbered Year Elections for Board of Directors

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

Clerk of the Board

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive from the Clerk of the Board a report of any input received from districts on the effect of the consolidation (included in the Impact Analysis) as required by Elections Code Section 10404(c);
- b) Adopt a resolution approving the request of Isla Vista Community Services District to consolidate its director elections with the Statewide General Election, unless the Board of Supervisors finds that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled, in accordance with Elections Code Section 10404(e); and
- c) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

Pursuant to Section 10404 of the Elections Code, the Isla Vista Community Services District submitted two resolutions 19-2 and 19-3 to move its Board of Directors elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, consolidating its elections with the Statewide General Election. Resolution 19-2 addresses the election for the board of directors which would be held on November 5, 2019, and the director seats that would be extended for a year by moving their election to the November 3, 2020 election. Resolution 19-3 addresses the election for the board of directors which would be held on November 2, 2021 and the director seats that would be extended for a year by moving their election to November 8, 2022.

The two resolutions were submitted to your Board at the March 5, 2019 meeting. At that meeting, your Board approved the receipt of the resolutions, gave direction to the Clerk of the Board to notify the districts and receive input on the impact of this consolidation request on each district, and received a report on the impacts of the consolidation from the elections official and a report on the cost-effectiveness of the proposed action.

If your Board approves the consolidation request, the elections official will notify the voters of the affected district by mail.

Impact Analysis:

Elections Code Section 10404 requires that the Board of Supervisors notify all districts located in the county of the receipt of the resolution to consolidate and request input from each district on the effect of the consolidation.

Letters were sent on March 7, 2019 to all districts within the county requesting their input on the impacts of this consolidation request with a deadline for response by March 25, 2019. As of March 26, the Clerk of the Board has confirmed they have not received input from any district.

Deadline for Approval of Consolidation:

In accordance with Elections Code 10404, your Board must take action to either approve or deny the district's request for consolidation with the Statewide General Election within 60 days of receipt of the resolutions requesting the consolidation. The April 9, 2019 meeting of the Board of Supervisors is the last meeting prior to the 60-day deadline for your Board to either approve or deny the request for consolidation.

Criteria for Denial of Consolidation:

Your Board may deny this request in accordance with Elections Code Section 10404(e), if you find that the ballot style, voting equipment or computer capacity prevent the handling of additional elections or material. None of these issues present a problem in our county. Also, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10404(h), if a special district is located in more than one county, it may not consolidate if any county in which the district is located denies the request for consolidation. The Isla Vista Community Services District is located entirely within Santa Barbara County; therefore, this section does not apply.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

On-Going Costs: There will be significant cost savings to Isla Vista Community Services District by moving their election to the Statewide General Election. We estimate the cost savings to be approximately \$81,000. Generally speaking, the cost to a jurisdiction is less in a general election than it is for a general district election. This lower cost results from having a smaller proportional share of the cost due to a significantly higher number of state, federal, school district, and special district issues that are on a General Election ballot.

One-Time Cost: Elections Code Section 10404(f) requires the district to pay the cost of notifying the voters of the district’s consolidation with the statewide general election. The estimated cost to prepare, process and deliver this notice to the voters is listed below:

District	Registered Voters	Cost
Isla Vista Community Services District	9,861	\$4000

Staffing Impacts:

FTEs:

Legal Positions:

No significant staffing impacts.

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board shall make public notice of the proceedings pursuant to Gov. Code Section 25151. Please forward a copy of the Minute Order and Board of Supervisors Resolution to the Elections Office, Attn: Renee Bischof.

Attachments:

- A. Board of Supervisors Resolution Approving the Request of the Isla Vista Community Services District to Consolidate Its Director Elections with the Statewide General Election.

- B. Isla Vista Community Services District Resolutions of the Board of Directors to consolidate with the Statewide General Election.

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