



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:** April 21, 2020  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Joseph E. Holland, County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor  
Contact Info: Renee Bischof, Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters, 696-8963  
**SUBJECT:** Certification of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors accept and file the Certification of Results for the Presidential Primary Election held on March 3, 2020, as required by law.

**Summary Text:**

The results of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election were certified on April 15, 2020. Elections Code § 15372 requires the Registrar of Voters to prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the governing body within 30 days of the election. On March 20, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-34-20, which extended all deadlines associated with the official canvass of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary to April 24, 2020. An official Certificate of Election Results of the Official Canvass (Attachment A), Certified Results Summary (Attachment B), and Official Canvass of Votes for Qualified Presidential Write-In Candidates (Attachment C) are attached. The Statement of Votes Cast by precinct for the election is available on the Clerk, Recorder and Assessor & Registrar of Voters website at [www.sbcvote.com](http://www.sbcvote.com).

Election Code § 15400 requires that the governing body declare elected to each office voted on at the election the person having the highest number of votes for that office or who was elected or nominated under the exceptions noted in Election Code § 15452. The governing board shall also declare the results of the election for each measure under its jurisdiction.

Elections Code § 15620 allows any voter, within five days following the completion of the canvass, to file a request for recount with the county elections official of the votes cast for candidates for any office, or any measure provided that the office or measure is not voted on statewide. The “completion of the canvass” shall be presumed to be that time when the elections official signs the certified statement of the results of the election. As the signing of the certified statement occurred on April 15, 2020, the written request for a recount must be filed with the elections office no later than Monday, April 20, 2020. The deadline for filing a written request for a recount has been posted on our website along with the certified results.

If an election is conducted in more than one county and is not a statewide contest, the request for the recount may be filed by any voter within five days, beginning on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the election, with the elections official of, and the recount may be conducted within, any or all of the affected counties. Due to the Executive Order extending the canvass, this date has extended to April 25, 2020.

Elections Code § 15621 allows any voter within five days beginning the 31<sup>st</sup> day after a statewide election to file with the Secretary of State a request for a recount of votes cast for candidates for any statewide office or any proposition voted on statewide. Due to the Executive Order extending the canvass, this date has extended to April 25, 2020.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a copy of the minute order to the Santa Barbara Elections Office.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Certification of the Results of the Official Canvass  
Attachment B: Certified Results Summary  
Attachment C: Official Canvass of Votes for Qualified Presidential Write-In Candidates  
Attachment D: Help America Vote Act of 2002 Certification of Elections Official

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