



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

June 9, 2026

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

CLERK-RECORDER-ASSESSOR-ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 26-00457

RE: Consider recommendations regarding a Request for Waiver of Competition in the purchase of a ballot sorting system from BlueCrest, Inc., as follows:

a) Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to procure the Elevate Vote by Mail Sorter with Automated Signature Verification component from BlueCrest, Inc. without being required to conduct a formal bid process; and

b) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 13578(b) (S), which are organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Authorized; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino