



## Departmental Item 7

**Introduction and Intent to adopt an ordinance  
adding Section 2-24.11  
to the Santa Barbara County Code**

*Change the Election Timing for  
the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator*

**Sponsor: Bob Nelson, Fourth District**

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# Elections Code 1300: Board Discretion

- Elections Code Section 1300 was amended in 2022 to require that elections for District Attorney and Sheriff be conducted with the presidential primary election
- **Elections Code Section 1300(b)(2) authorizes a county board of supervisors to adopt an ordinance** providing that the elections of any other county officer-except the County Superintendent of Schools-shall be conducted with the presidential primary
- This permits the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to exercise this statutory authority to align the election of the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator with the presidential election cycle

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## 2-24.11 Summary

To maintain the continuity of financial and administrative functions and preserve a staggered election structure used for Supervisorial Districts, the proposed ordinance would:

- Move only the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator to the presidential cycle; and
- Retain the Auditor-Controller and Clerk-Recorder-Assessor-Registrar of Voters on the gubernatorial cycle.
- This staggered approach would ensure that key fiscal and administrative offices do not appear on the same ballot, while aligning the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator with the justice system offices already moved by statute

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# Recommended Actions: Addition of Section 2-24.11

- a) Approve the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, State of California, adding Section 2-24.11 to the Santa Barbara County Code to move the election of the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator to the presidential primary cycle;
- b) Read the title and waive full reading of the Ordinance;
- c) Set January 13, 2026, to consider adoption (second reading) of the Ordinance; and
- d) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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