



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: December 8, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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

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 Certified Statement of the Results of the Official Canvass and Official Election Summary for the General Election held on November 3, 2020, and declare the results as specified in the Certified Statement as required by law.

Summary Text:

The results of the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election were certified on November 25, 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. 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.

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, but not later than 5:00 pm on the fifth day, 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 November 25, 2020, the written request for a recount must be filed with the elections official no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, November 30, 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 31st day after the election, with the elections official of, and the recount may be conducted within, any or all of the affected counties. The deadline for filing a recount for a contest in more than one county is December 9, 2020.

Elections Code § 15621 allows any voter within five days beginning the 31st 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.

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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