

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 8/8/02  
**Department Name:** Clerk-Recorder-Assessir  
**Department No.:** 062  
**Agenda Date:** 8/20/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** NA  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Kenneth A. Pettit, Clerk-Recorder-Assessor & Registrar of Voters  
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**STAFF CONTACT:** Larry Herrera, Assistant Department Head  
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**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Application for Funds Under the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002/

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Application for Funds Under the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002;
2. Authorize the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor to submit the necessary application documents by the September 2, 2002, deadline to the Secretary of State.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or routine business necessity.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Voting Modernization Act of 2002 allows the State to sell \$200 million in general obligation bonds for updated voting systems. The money raised from these bond sales will assist counties in the purchase of new voting equipment that is certified by the Secretary of State.

"Voting system," means any voting machine, voting device, or vote-tabulating device that does not utilize pre-scored punch card ballots.

The Voting Modernization Board (VMB) administers a program to fund the acquisition of modern voting systems under the Voting Modernization Act of 2002. Applications are due to the VMB by September 2, 2002.

Under this program, the County of Santa Barbara may apply for a grant to cover the 1999 purchase of its precinct level ballot counting system. Given the matching requirements of the State program, our County could receive a "State matching" reimbursement of approximately \$850,000. In the event that it is appropriate to adopt a "leveraging strategy" in our application submittal, funds above \$850,000 could be made available. Approval of the recommended resolution will meet one requirement of the application process.

Between now and September 2, 2002, Department staff will prepare the necessary application materials and application rationales. An update on our submitted application and its resulting estimated reimbursement amount can be made via the Mid Year Budget Report.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Participation in the VMB application process is voluntary.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

We estimate that approval of our application will generate a reimbursement to the General Fund of approximately \$850,000.

**Special Instructions:**

Provide a certified copy of the attached resolutions to the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor by August 27, 2002.

**Concurrence:**

None required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SANTA BARBARA            )  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING    ) RESOLUTION NO: \_\_  
THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS UNDER THE        )  
VOTING MODERNIZATION BOND ACT OF 2002     )**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of California have approved funding for the Voting Modernization Fund as described by the passage of Proposition 41 on March 5, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the Voting Modernization Board has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Voting Modernization Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, procedures established by the Voting Modernization Board require the County to certify by resolution the approval of applications before their submission to the Voting Modernization Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the County will enter into an agreement with the Voting Modernization Board for eligible projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors takes the following actions:

1. Approves the filing of an application for assistance for the above project(s) to be funded from the Voting Modernization Act of 2002; and
2. Certifies the County understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies the County has reviewed and understands the general provisions contained in the funding agreement contained in the Funding Application and Procedural Guide; and
4. Appoints the Registrar of Voters or his/her designee as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Michael Brown  
Clerk of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert W. Geis, C.P.A.  
Auditor-Controller

Stephen Shane Stark  
County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant County Counsel