

## **RESOLUTION NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY WAIVING THE FEE ASSOCIATED WITH OBTAINING  
THE VOTER INFORMATION FILE FROM THE SAN MATEO COUNTY  
REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS DIVISION ONLY IN RELATION TO THE NOVEMBER  
3, 2015, CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL, AND SPECIAL DISTRICT ALL-  
MAILED BALLOT ELECTION**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, the Registration & Elections Division of the County Clerk-Assessor-Recorder-Elections Office for San Mateo County maintains information about registered voters in relation to each election, including information about whether each such registered voter has returned a vote-by-mail ballot during the period leading up to election day in relation to each election;

**WHEREAS**, all jurisdictions within the County that have matters set for election on November 3, 2015, will participate in an all-mailed-ballot pilot election pursuant to Section 4001 of the Elections Code; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 2188 and 2194 of the Elections Code, information maintained by the Registration & Elections Division about registered voters, subject to certain restrictions, may be provided upon application to any candidate for federal, state, or local office, to any committee for or against any initiative or referendum measure for which legal publication is made, and to any person for election, scholarly, journalistic, or political purposes, or for governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State, and the Registration & Elections Division maintains such information

in its Voter Information File; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.90.030 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code sets a fee of \$125.00 to be charged for obtaining a copy of such information contained in the Voter Information File; and

**WHEREAS**, because the November 3, 2015, Consolidated Municipal, School, and Special District All-Mailed Ballot Election is being conducted on a pilot basis as an all-mailed ballot election, it may be beneficial to the success of the election to allow authorized individuals and entities to access information in the Voter Information File with minimal burden and expense; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Supervisors is authorized by Section 2.90.030 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code to adjust by resolution the fee for obtaining the Voter Information File, and such an adjustment is not otherwise prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Supervisors, notwithstanding the actual cost of maintaining and producing the Voter Information File, hereby intends to waive the fee associated with obtaining said information only in relation to the November 3, 2015, Consolidated Municipal, School, and Special District All-Mailed Ballot Election in order to improve the democratic process and the effectiveness of this pilot program election; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Supervisors believes that authorized applicants for such information relating to the November 3, 2015, Consolidated Municipal, School, and Special District All-Mailed Ballot Election should be able to receive the information authorized by Sections 2188 and 2194 of the Elections Code on a daily basis if doing so

is reasonably possible and does not impose undue burden on the Registration & Elections Division.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors, only for the limited period between October 7, 2015, and November 15, 2015, waives in whole any and all fees associated with obtaining the Voter Information File accessed by way of an FTP site from the Registration & Elections Division, as listed in Section 2.90.030 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code (listed as item number 10: "10 Voter Information File (on CD)"), and in relation only to the November 3, 2015, Consolidated Municipal, School, and Special District All-Mailed Ballot Election. This waiver shall not be retroactive in relation to anyone who paid the fee prior to October 7, 2015, in relation to the November 3, 2015, election, although this waiver is intended to permit any authorized individual who applied and paid the fee between July 1, 2015, and October 6, 2015, in relation to the November 3, 2015, election to be permitted to receive the information covered by this Resolution as outlined above without the need to submit another application or to pay any additional fee through and including November 15, 2015.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors, only for the limited period between October 7, 2015, and November 2, 2015, and only in relation to the November 3, 2015, Consolidated Municipal, School, and Special District All-Mailed Ballot Election, requests that the Registration & Elections Division provide daily updates accessed by way of an FTP site regarding the Voter Information File to authorized individuals and entities that have submitted applications for the information pursuant to Sections 2188 and 2194 of the Elections Code if doing so is reasonably possible and

does not impose undue burden on the Registration & Elections Division.

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