



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-
RECORDER-ELECTIONS

File #: 16-566

Board Meeting Date: 9/26/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Mark Church, Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

Subject: Consolidation and Authorization of Election Services for the November 7, 2017
Consolidated Municipal School and Special District Election

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution:

- A) Consolidating the Municipal, School and Special District Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, with elections called by the Burlingame School District, Portola Valley Elementary School District, San Carlos Elementary School District, San Mateo-Foster City School District, City of Brisbane, City of Burlingame, City of Pacifica, City of San Bruno, City of San Mateo, Town of Atherton, East Palo Alto Sanitary District and Highlands Recreation District; and
- B) Authorizing the County's Chief Elections Officer to render specified election services in conjunction therewith.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the governing body of any city or district may request the Board of Supervisors to permit the County's Chief Elections Officer to render specified services to the city or district relating to the conduct of an election. Subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, these services shall be performed by the County's Chief Elections Officer. When elections are to be held on the same day and in or within the same territory upon the order of the governing body or bodies calling the election, the Board of Supervisors may consolidate those elections to be conducted and the returns canvassed by the County's Chief Elections Officer in all respects as if they were one election pursuant to Sections 10400 through 10418 of the Elections Code.

The respective governing bodies of the Burlingame School District, Portola Valley Elementary School District, San Carlos Elementary School District, San Mateo-Foster City School District, City of

Brisbane, City of Burlingame, City of Pacifica, City of San Bruno, City of San Mateo, Town of Atherton, East Palo Alto Sanitary District and Highlands Recreation District have requested that their elections be consolidated with the Municipal, School and Special District Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

The consolidation requests of the above-mentioned governing bodies are proper, the County's Chief Elections Officer is agreeable to providing the specified election services as requested, and all related costs will be reimbursed by the requesting cities and districts to the extent authorized by law.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Approval of this resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Collaborative Community. The measures offered by the municipalities and districts afford the voters the decision to determine important questions relating to the level of funding for their communities and schools.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Measures	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2017 Projected
Number of Registered voters	357,191	175,000
Percentage of voters who voted	29.5%	25%

The numbers used in the performance measures in FY 2015 are from the Consolidated Municipal, School and Special District Election (UDEL) held on November 3, 2015 which was an All-Mailed Countywide Election. Turnout for the November 7, 2017 UDEL Election is anticipated to be less than the November 2015 UDEL Election due to the fact that it will be a non-countywide traditional polling place election.

A more relevant comparison is of the 2013 UDEL Election which was also a traditional polling place election. The turnout was 25.4 percent with 359,535 registered voters eligible to participate.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All costs for election services incurred by the County will be reimbursed by the above-mentioned cities and districts to the extent authorized by law.