



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-
RECORDER-ELECTIONS

File #: 20-023

Board Meeting Date: 2/11/2020

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 March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution:

- A) Consolidating the Presidential Primary Election, to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, with elections called by the Brisbane School District, Burlingame Elementary School District, Jefferson Union High School District, La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District, Portola Valley School District, San Carlos School District, San Mateo Union High School District, City of Foster City, and East Palo Alto Sanitary 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 Brisbane School District, Burlingame Elementary School District, Jefferson Union High School District, La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District, Portola

Valley School District, San Carlos School District, San Mateo Union High School District, City of Foster City, and East Palo Alto Sanitary District have requested that their elections be consolidated with the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

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.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Measures	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2020 Projected
Number of Registered Voters	367,153	420,029
Percentage of Voters who Voted	51.79%	65%

The numbers used in the performance measures in FY 2016 are from the Presidential Primary Election held on June 7, 2016. Turnout for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election is anticipated to be higher than the June 2016 Election due to the fact that it will be an All-Mailed/Vote Center election, and that it will be a high-profile election.

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.