



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-
RECORDER-ELECTIONS

File #: 21-262

Board Meeting Date: 4/6/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

Subject: Authorization of Election Services for the May 4, 2021 Portola Valley School District
Special Mail Ballot Election

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Elections Officer to render specified election services for the Portola Valley School District in conjunction with a Special Mail Ballot Election to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Section 10002 of the California Elections Code, the governing body of any city or district may request the Board of Supervisors of the County 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.

The governing board of the Portola Valley School District issued a resolution calling for a parcel tax measure to be submitted to voters on May 4, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

The request of the governing body of the above-mentioned school district is proper, the County's Chief Elections Officer is agreeable to providing the specified elections services as requested, and all related costs will be reimbursed by the requesting school district to the extent authorized by law.

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

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	March 3, 2020 Actual	May 4, 2021 Projected
Number of Registered Voters	5,238	5,459
Percentage of Voters who Voted	70.05%	41%

In the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election, voters residing in Portola Valley School District voted on a similar parcel tax to that of the May 4, 2021 Special Mail Ballot Election. However, there is a significant difference between the two elections: The May 4, 2021 Special Mail Ballot Election will only include precincts voting on one school district measure, in contrast to a large-scale consolidated presidential primary election.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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