

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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(2219)



**FROM:** The Registrar of Voters

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
September 14, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Request for Change in Election Date. District 1, 2, 5. [\$0].

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Riverside Unified School District's request for change in election date.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Riverside Unified School District has submitted the attached resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors' approval to change the District's election date from November of odd numbered years to be consolidated with Elections held in November of even numbered years.

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Departmental Concurrence

*Rebecca Spencer*

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Registrar of Voters

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

Budget Adjustment: No  
For Fiscal Year: 2016/17

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY: *Imelda Delos Santos*  
Imelda Delos Santos

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 1, 2, 5

Agenda Number:

2-5

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**FORM 11: Request for Change in Election Date.** District 1, 2, 5. [\$0].

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

California Elections Code §§ 1302 and 10404.5 allows school districts to consolidate their election with Elections held in November of even numbered years with the Board of Supervisors' approval. The code further stipulates that the Board shall approve such request unless the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capability is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled. State law also requires that within 30 days after approval of the resolution, a notice is to be mailed to all registered voters of the District informing them of the change in election date and the terms of officeholders which will be changed. The cost of this mailing will be reimbursed by the District. The Registrar of Voters can accommodate this change of election date. Staff recommends approval of the request of Riverside Unified School District to change the election date per Riverside USD Resolution No. 2016/17-08.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

The change in election date to occur on the same date as the even-year General Election would encourage greater voter participation at no additional cost. Registered voters will save a trip to the polling place voting for both this district election and the even-year General Election.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Riverside USD Resolution No. 2016/17-08

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

**Resolution No. 2016/17-08**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVERSIDE  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE RESCHEDULING  
THE ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of governing board members of the Riverside Unified School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2017) (Education Code section 5000 and Elections Code section 1302 (a)); and

**WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2016) (Elections Code section 1001); and

**WHEREAS**, the District is located within Riverside County; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has been informed that there would be a cost savings for the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, generally voter turnout is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including school board member elections; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 415, The Voter Participation Act will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act prohibits a political subdivision such as a school district, from holding an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election in that political subdivision being at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous 4 statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act further authorizes a voter who resides in a political subdivision where a violation is alleged to file an action in superior court to enforce this prohibition, and provides for a prevailing plaintiff other than the political subdivision to collect a reasonable attorney's fee and litigation expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's voter turnout in noncurrent elections has been over 25% less on average over the 4 previous statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save District monies and to provide greater voter input into school board elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code 1302 (b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county (Elections Code section 10404.5); and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2017 to November 2018 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020 [*refer to Appendix A*].

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even years (Elections Code 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 1302 (b).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will notify the Riverside County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expense of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404.5 (e).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to November 2018 and each subsequent board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current board members expiring in November 2017 will be extended to November 2018 and the term of board members expiring in November 2019 will be extended to November 2020.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education at a regularly scheduled meeting this 18th day of July, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Tom Hunt  
President of the Board of Education

Dated: 8/16/2016



Patricia Lock-Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Education

Dated: 8/15/16

## Appendix A

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Current Election Year</u>	<u>New Election Year</u>
Brent Lee	2017	2018
Kathy Y. Allavie	2017	2018
Tom Hunt	2019	2020
Patricia Lock-Dawson	2019	2020
Angelov Farooq	2019	2020