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



ITEM 2.12 (ID # 6314)

#### **MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

FROM: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Request for Change in Election Date, Beaumont Library

District; District 5; [\$11,900].

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

1. Approve Beaumont Library District's request for election date change.

**ACTION: Consent** 

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

February 27, 2018

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Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current	iscal Year:	Next Fis	tai Year:	19	Total Cost:	One	eing Cost
COST	\$	11,900	\$	0	\$	11,900	\$	0
NET COUNTY COST	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Beaumont Library District						Budget Adjustment: No		
						For Fiscal Year: 18/19		

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

#### **BACKGROUND:**

#### **Summary**

The Beaumont Library District has submitted the attached resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors' approval to change the District's odd-year Governing Board election date to occur on the same date as the even-year General Elections. California Elections Code § 10404 allows special 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. The Registrar of Voters can accommodate this change of election date.

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.

#### **Impact on Residents 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:

ATTACHMENT A. BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1

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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A Resolution of the Beaumont Library District Board of Trustees Approving the Rescheduling of Governing Body Member Elections from Odd-Numbered Years to Even-Numbered Years, in Accordance with Elections Code § 1303(b) and Senate Bill 415 (2015-2016 Regular Session), and Requesting the Approval of the County of Riverside to Consolidate the Same with the Statewide General Election Pursuant to Elections Code § 10404.

### **RESOLUTION NO: 2017-1**

Whereas on September 1, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 415 (Reg. Sess.), codified at Stats. 2015, ch. 235, enacting Elections Code §§ 14050-14057, which prohibits the holding of an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a nonconcurrent date resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout, as defined, and further authorizes voters to enforce this prohibition by filing an action in superior court; and

Whereas Beaumont Library District currently conducts its elections for members of the District in November of odd-numbered years (e.g., November 2015) pursuant to Elections Code § 1303 subdivision (a); and

Whereas voter participation in Riverside County is greater for statewide general elections than for odd-year local elections, including special district governing body member elections; and

Whereas the District believes that rescheduling to even-numbered year elections may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the Special Districts elections; and

Whereas it is considered the view of the District that starting with the 2022 Special Districts elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its governing body members in even-numbered year elections, held in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

Whereas the District further recognizes that there may also be a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections; and

Whereas as a result of these facts, the District desires to change the date of future governing body member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

Whereas Elections Code § 1303(b) establishes a procedure whereby the District may change the election date for its governing body members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county, see Elec. Code § 10404; and

Whereas if the change in election date is approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the new election date be moved from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years commencing in 2022 with governing body members whose terms would have expired in 2021 being extended to 2022, as required by Elections Code § 10404(i) (refer to Exhibit A), now, therefore, be it resolved that:

- 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The undersigned, constituting at least a majority of the members of the Beaumont Library District Board of Trustees, do hereby adopt this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the District with the state general election in November of even-numbered years, beginning in 2022, pursuant to Elections Code § 1303(b).
- 3. The District shall forward the original copy of this resolution to the Riverside County Elections, who will compile the district resolutions, and will explain the rationale for the resolutions and request formal approval of the change by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolutions have been posted in accordance with law.
- 4. The District shall pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code § 10404 subdivision (f).
- 5. If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of the District's election following the November 2019 election will be moved to November 2022, and each subsequent Beaumont Library District Board of Trustees election will be held two years thereafter in November of even-numbered years.
- 6. If the consolidation of election is approved, the terms of members expiring in November 2021 will be extended to November 2022 (see Exhibit A).
- 7. In the event that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors declines to authorize consolidation in 2022 on the grounds specified in Elections Code § 10404(e), the Beaumont Library District Board of Trustees requests that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors authorize such consolidation at the soonest feasible date.
- 8. The District and/or its designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation as are necessary to affect the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, at a regular meeting of the Beaumont Library District Board of Trustees, by the following vote:

AYES: 3

NOES: O

ABSTAIN: ()

ABSENT: 2

Dated: December 19,2017

President, Board of Trustees

Beaumont Library District

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Luren Dickinsun, District Secretary of the Beaumont Library District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was proposed by Beaumont Library District Board Member Sabina Brady, seconded by Beaumont Library District Board Member Steve Perry and was duly passed and adopted by a majority of the members of the Beaumont Library District Board of Trustees, at an official and public meeting thereof held on Beaumont Library.

Dated: December 19, 2017

Clerk