

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



ITEM: 2.14  
(ID # 12270)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, April 07, 2020

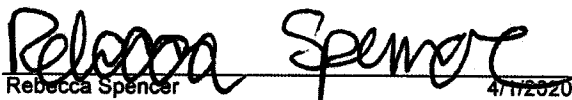
FROM : REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Approval of Election Services for the Senate District 28  
Special General Mail Ballot Election, All Districts, [\$1,500,000 - General Fund  
Contingency].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:


1. Approve the Registrar of Voters to conduct election services for the May 12, 2020, 28th  
Senate District Special General Mail Ballot Election.

ACTION: Consent

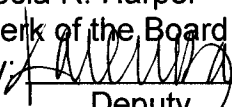
  
Rebecca Spencer 4/17/2020

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: April 7, 2020  
xc: ROV

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Fund Contingency</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 19/20</b>	

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

On November 15, 2019 Governor Gavin Newsom ordered a special vacancy election to be held within the 28th Senate District of the State to fill the vacancy of the office of State Senator from that district resulting from the resignation of Senator Jeff Stone. The Secretary of State has set a Special General Election date of May 12, 2020 to fill the vacancy.

The State will not reimburse the county for the cost of the special election. Department will use funds on hand to provide the legally required election services but expect to make a budget adjustment in the third quarter report.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Registered voters who reside in the 28<sup>th</sup> State Senate District will have an opportunity to select a new state senator.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The estimated cost for the May 12, 2020 election is \$1,500,000. The State will not reimburse the county for the cost of the special election.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**ATTACHMENT A. SPECIAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION**

**ATTACHMENT B. SECRETARY OF STATE INFORMATION SHEET**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**FILED**  
in the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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By *[Signature]*  
Deputy Secretary of State

**SPECIAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION  
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

I, **GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim and order that a special election shall be held on the 12th day of May 2020, within the 28th Senate District of the State, to fill the vacancy of the office of State Senator from that district resulting from the resignation of Senator Jeff Stone.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 15th day of November 2019.



*[Signature]*

GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

*[Signature]*

ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-34-20

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** hundreds of local governments across the state have also declared states of emergency, imposed or recommended social distancing, and taken other significant steps in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** various political subdivisions within California are in the process of changing from an at-large method of election to district elections, existing law requires public hearings to be conducted within prescribed timeframes as part of this change, and conducting such hearings within these timeframes would be incongruent with public health officials' guidance regarding social distancing; and

**WHEREAS** California held a Presidential Primary Election on March 3, 2020, for which ballot counting, tabulation, and other responsibilities related to the official canvass, including certification of the canvass, audits and/or manual tallies of election results, and reporting of the official canvass results, remain outstanding or ongoing; and

**WHEREAS** COVID-19 and the response thereto may impair the ability of relevant state and local officials, including county elections officials and the Secretary of State, and the volunteers supporting them, to meet statutory deadlines associated with these responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS** on November 15, 2019, I proclaimed a Special General Election to be held on May 12, 2020, to fill a vacancy in the State Senate seat representing the 28th Senate District of the State, in Riverside County; and

**WHEREAS** on November 15, 2019, I proclaimed a Special General Election to be held on May 12, 2020, to fill a vacancy in the U.S. House of Representatives seat representing the 25th Congressional District of the State, which covers portions of the counties of Ventura and Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS** on April 7, 2020, a Special Recall Election will be held in the City of Westminster, in the County of Orange; and

**WHEREAS** state law would ordinarily require that these elections be conducted in person; and

**WHEREAS** our elections must be accessible, secure, and safe; and

**WHEREAS** California's existing vote-by-mail procedures can be used to allow these three elections to go forward in a manner that is accessible, secure, and safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567 and 8571, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) The timeframes for conducting the hearings required when a political subdivision changes from an at-large method of election to a district-based election, as set forth in Elections Code section 10010, are suspended for any subdivision, until such time as neither state nor local public health officials recommend or impose social distancing measures in the relevant subdivision. Following that time, the relevant subdivision shall hold the required hearings in a manner that ensures the public is provided advance notice and is afforded an opportunity to participate in the postponed hearings; subdivisions are urged to ensure that this process includes effective outreach to individuals with disabilities, individuals who primarily speak languages other than English, and other individuals who may have particularized needs.
- 2) Notwithstanding Elections Code sections 3019, 15100–15112, 15300–15376, 15400–15402, 15450–15490, and 15500–15505; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, sections 20027, 20108.75, 20108.8, and 20110–20126; and any other applicable provision of state law, all deadlines associated with completing, auditing, and reporting on the official canvass of the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election are extended by 21 days. Counties are urged to complete activities related to the official canvass according to the deadlines ordinarily imposed by state law, to the extent possible. The Secretary of State is requested to issue guidance to county elections officials concerning compliance with this paragraph.
- 3) Notwithstanding Elections Code sections 1500 and 4000–4007 (including, but not limited to, the conditions otherwise imposed on all-mail ballot elections in Election Code section 4000 and 4001.5), and any other applicable provision of state law, the April 7, 2020, Special Recall Election to be held in the City of Westminster; the May 12, 2020, Special General Election to be held in the City of Westminster; and the May 12, 2020, Special General Election to be held in the City of Westminster.

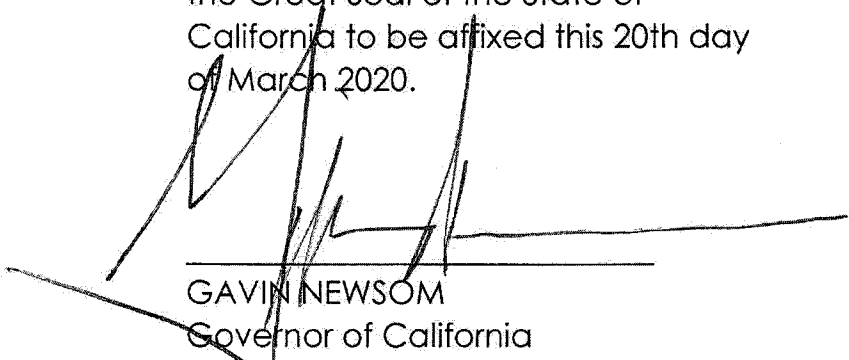
also authorized, and encouraged, to make in-person voting opportunities available on or before Election Day for each of these elections in a manner consistent with public health and safety, to maximize voter accessibility. Elections officials shall provide maximum possible notice to voters about how to participate in each of these elections, paying particular attention to the needs of voters at high risk from COVID-19, individuals with disabilities, and other voters with particularized needs.

- 4) Notwithstanding Elections Code sections 3019, 15100–15112, 15300–15376, 15400–15402, 15450–15490, and 15500–15505; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, sections 20027, 20108.75, 20108.8, and 20110–20126; and any other applicable provision of state law including, but not limited to, any applicable state regulation, all deadlines associated with completing, auditing, and reporting on the official canvass of the May 12, 2020, Special General Elections to be held within the 25th Congressional District of the State and the 28th Senate District of the State are extended by 21 days. Counties are urged to complete activities related to the official canvass according to the deadlines ordinarily imposed by state law, to the extent possible. The Secretary of State is requested to issue guidance to county elections officials concerning compliance with this paragraph.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State of  
California to be affixed this 20th day  
of March 2020.

  
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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**Lewis, Tammymae**

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**From:** rdhenderson@rivco.org  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** COB; Spencer, Rebecca  
**Subject:** Board comments web submission



**First Name:** Rebecca  
**Last Name:** Spencer (DEPARTMENT HEAD)  
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**Phone:** 951-453-2059  
**Email:** rmartine@rivco.org  
**Agenda Date:** 04/07/2020  
**Agenda Item # or Public Comment:** 2.14 and 3.36  
**State your position below:** Support  
**Will you be dialing into the meeting or just submitting comments for the record?:** I will be calling in

**Thank you for submitting your request to speak. The Clerk of the Board office has received your request and will be prepared to allow you to speak when your item is called. To attend the meeting, please call (669) 900-6833 and use Meeting ID # 871439472. Password is 4080. You will be muted until your item is pulled and your name is called. Please dial in ten minutes before the meeting with the phone number you provided in the form so we can identify you during the meeting.**

4.7.20 2.14 & 3.36  
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## Lewis, Tammymae

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**From:** rdhenderson@rivco.org  
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**Subject:** Board comments web submission

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**Agenda Date:** 04/07/2020  
**Agenda Item # or Public Comment:** item 14. 12270  
**State your position below:** Oppose  
**Comments:** item 14. 12270 By May 12th, even with the best case scenarios with social distancing and sick people are quarantined, the virus is going to be spreading at a frightening rate which is very likely reduce voter participation. We need to make sure that SD 28 election there is equitable civic participation and move the SD 28 election to November." – Maribel Nunez, Executive Director at California Partnership.

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**Lewis, Tammymae**

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**From:** rdhenderson@rivco.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 7:42 AM  
**To:** COB; mdaly001@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Board comments web submission



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**Agenda Date:** 05/12/2020  
**Agenda Item # or Public Comment:** 14. 122270  
**State your position below:** Oppose  
**Comments:** Dear Members of the Board,

Approving a Vote By Mail only election during this pandemic is a civil rights issue. Studies have shown that moving to vote by mail disproportionately depresses turnout among high mobile, impoverished voters. Given the recent introduction of COVID it is safe to assume that many folks have been displaced and/or do not have up to date voter registration records. Please consider the current times our residents are living in and request to the Governor to move this election to November, not only will it be better for our residents, it will be less of a financial constraint on the board.

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