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



(ID # 13796)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

FROM: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Approval of Revised Board Policy C-29 Use of County

Employees as Election Officers; All Districts. [\$0]

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

1. Approve revisions to Board Policy C-29: Use of County Employees as Election Officers.

**ACTION:Policy** 

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel 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:

October 27, 2020

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Kecia R. Harper

Clerk of the Board

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost	
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustm	Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year:	2020/21	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

#### BACKGROUND:

#### Summary

The current Board Policy only makes provisions for County Employees to serve as Election Officers on Election Day. The Governor has issued an Executive Order that requires the Voter Assistance Centers to be open for four days due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The revised Board Policy allows for County Employees to serve as Election Officers for all four days.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Board Policy C-29 Final

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### PROCEDURE:

- County employees who desire to volunteer their service as election officers will apply through the Riverside County Registrar of Voters and coordinate their intent to serve through their respective agency/department head or designee.
- 2. County employees will not use their accumulated leave balances, but will be paid their normal salary/benefits as if they were reporting for a regular workday. Such duty will be alternately served in the elections process. In addition, the county employee will receive the same stipend as other community volunteer election officers in lieu of any overtime for hours worked.
- Any additional equipment or supplies necessary to carry out their election officer duties will be provided by the Registrar of Voters.
- 4. State law requires that election officers attend a training session prior to each election. This approximate 2-3 hour training will be conducted by the Registrar of Voters and scheduled at a time which will not impact the employee's regular work assignments.
- 5. The Registrar of Voters will keep affected agency/department heads informed of employees who volunteer for service on Election Day or during the early voting period in terms of their attendance.
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