

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



**ITEM: 3.42
(ID # 14104)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, December 08, 2020

FROM : SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL AND SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ :

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL AND SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ: After-Action Review of 2020 General Election Process, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Executive Office to conduct an After-Action Review of the 2020 General Election process and return with a report and recommendations on February 9, 2020.

ACTION:Policy

Karen S. Spiegel *V. Manuel Perez*
Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Vice-Chairman 12/3/2020 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Chairman 12/3/2020

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: December 8, 2020
xc: Supvr. Spiegel, Supvr. Perez, EO

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

The 2020 General Election process was unlike anything we have previously experienced. In the midst of a global health and economic crisis, more than one million Riverside County residents, roughly 82% of all registered voters, cast ballots. As a result of the significant interest in the Presidential election, both the total number and the percentage eclipse previous voter turnout records. Changes to the voting process initiated at the state level created a variety of options not previously available to voters. This year, every registered voter received a vote-by-mail ballot. Those ballots could be returned by mail or dropped off at a designated collection box or vote center. For those individuals who preferred to vote in person or required in-person assistance, in-person early voting was widely available for the first time. The net effect of these changes was almost 650,000 ballots were cast, and received, before Election Day. On Election Day, changes in state law saw neighborhood polling places replaced with regional voting centers.

Put simply, this year's election created a new model for voting in Riverside County, the coordination of which required the Registrar of Voters to think anew and act anew. As with all things new, there are lessons to be learned and it is appropriate to examine our experience and identify successes that can be replicated or challenges that can be remedied for future elections.

A formal After-Action Review of the 2020 General Election process will allow the Board of Supervisors, the Executive Office, the Registrar of Voters, and the community to better understand our experience this year. The knowledge gathered and shared can be used to identify how to sustain strengths, correct deficiencies, and focus on improved performance and results. The after-action review will be conducted with a commitment to openness, frank discussion, clarity, and commitment to identifying and recommending solutions. This process will allow all involved to better understand what was intended, what actually happened, what went well and what can be improved. The expectation is that the After-Action Review will result in concrete and actionable recommendations that will impact future success.