

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



ITEM: 3.25
(ID # 23421)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 07, 2023

FROM : REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Adopt Resolution 2023-285 to authorize the Interim Registrar of Voters to not list supporters and opponents of local measures on county ballots for all future elections, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-285 to authorize the Registrar of Voters to not list supporters and opponents of local measures on county ballots for all future elections.

ACTION:Policy


Art Tinoco, Interim Registrar of Voters 11/1/2023

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Gutierrez
Date: November 7, 2023
xc: Registrar of Voters

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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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: None			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 23/24	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Assembly Bill 1416, (AB 1416) was signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 29, 2022, which added a requirement for statewide measures to list supporters and opponents of measures on the ballot label or that a similar description be provided on the ballot. The list of supporters and opponents are each limited to a maximum of 125 characters and could include associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and individuals taken from the signers or the text of the arguments in favor of or against the measure printed in the voter information guide. The law allows Counties to opt-out of listing supporters and opponents on the ballot itself within a certain time frame ahead of an election. It should be noted that the listing of supporters and opponents will remain on the voter information guides as has always been the case.

A total of 14 counties have to date adopted a resolution to opt out of printing supporters and opponents of local measures primarily due to cost increases for printing and mailing ballots that will increase in length and size from the additional text. Those counties are: Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Mendocino, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Placer, San Joaquin, and Yuba. It is anticipated that additional counties will opt-out.

The aforementioned counties have deferred to Election Code section 9170 as set forth in subsection (d) which states:

At least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures, a county board of supervisors may elect not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots.

The ROV's Office recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve Resolution No. 2023-285 to authorize the Registrar of Voters to not list supporters and opponents of local measures on county ballots for all future elections due to 1) the cost to prepare a ballot will increase as a result of moving to a three (3) card ballot 2) the total cost will increase due to additional staff time needed for data input, proofreading, and ballot layout preparation and 3) the total cost of printing and mailing a three (3) card ballot will also increase. Further, it would reduce potential legal challenges to the ballot due to objections in the wording of abbreviations etc. given the limitation on the use of 125 characters.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

Opting out of the requirement for statewide measures to list supporters and opponents on the ballot will reduce costs in the preparation and mailing of ballots, and provide for a more concise ballot for the voter to use.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A. Resolution 2023-285

Jacqueline Ruiz
Jacqueline Ruiz, Sr. Management Analyst

11/1/2023

Stephanie Nelson
Stephanie Nelson

11/2/2023

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-285

3 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
4 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO ELECT NOT TO LIST SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS
5 FOR COUNTY, CITY, DISTRICT, AND SCHOOL MEASURES ON THE COUNTY BALLOT AND
6 FUTURE COUNTY BALLOTS

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8 **WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill (AB) 1416 was passed by the State Legislature in 2022 with an
9 effective date of January 1, 2023. AB 1416 adds a requirement for statewide measures that a listing of
10 the supporters and opponents of measures are to be listed on the ballot label or that a similar description
11 be provided on the ballot, but gives counties the option of printing the list of supporters and opponents
12 of local measures on the ballot;

13 **WHEREAS**, Election Code section 9170(d), which was added pursuant to AB 1416 states as
14 follows:

15 At least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county
16 measures, a county board of supervisors may elect not to list supporters and opponents for
17 county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots.

18 **WHEREAS**, opting into the additional printing will result in cost increases for ballot production
19 and printing, will result in additional ballot space for each local measure printed on the ballot and will
20 increase the possibility for electioneering and promotion of candidates who may be on the ballot and are
21 also signers of the measure;

22 **WHEREAS**, the requirement of printing the list of supporters and opponents would also put the
23 Registrar of Voters office in the position of accepting or denying abbreviations of supporters/opponents
24 that may not be clear due to the maximum character limit of 125 characters each, and in turn may result
25 in challenges to perceived unfair determinations; now, therefore,

26 **BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside,
27 State of California, in regular session assembled on November 7, 2023, that is hereby
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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY *Stephanie K. Nelson*
STEPHANIE K. NELSON
DATE 11/1/23

1 established in the County elects not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school
2 measures on the county ballot and future county ballots,

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, that this Resolution shall take effect
4 immediately.

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6 ROLL CALL:

7 Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Spiegel, and Perez
8 Nays: None
9 Absent: Gutierrez

10 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors
11 on the date therein set forth.

12 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

13 By:  _____
14 Deputy

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Roy Buckner

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Agenda # 3:18

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

Support Oppose Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

Support Oppose Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

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3:18
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BOARD RULES

Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda/Public Comment:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, a member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. Donated time is not permitted during Public Comment.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin to flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman, may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.