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



ITEM: 2.7 (ID # 27460) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 01, 2025

FROM:

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

**SUBJECT:** REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Receive and file the addendum Official Canvass of Votes for the November 5, 2024, Consolidated General Election, Coachella Valley Unified School District, Trustee Areas 1, 2, & 4. [\$0]

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

- Receive and file the addendum certification of the Registrar of Voters of the official canvass of the votes cast at the Coachella Valley Unified School District Trustee Areas 1, 2, & 4 General Election held on November 5, 2024 (Elections Code § 15372), and
- 2. Declare elected or nominated those persons under its jurisdiction having the highest number of votes for that office (Elections Code § 15400).

**ACTION:Consent** 

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes:

Medina, Spiegel, and Perez

Navs:

None

Absent:

Washington and Gutierrez

Date:

April 1, 2025

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By: More Deputy

Kimberly A. Rector

Clerk of the Board

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

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fisc	al Year:	Next Fiscal	Year:	Total Cost		Ongoin	g Cost
COST	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
NET COUNTY COST	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS	S: N/A				Budg	get Adjus	tment:	No
					For	iscal Yea	ar: 2	24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

#### BACKGROUND:

#### Summary

Coachella Valley Unified School District, Trustee Areas 1, 2, & 4 are elected at large as a shared district with Imperial County. Due to an administrative error with Imperial County, Coachella Valley Unified School District, Trustee Areas 1, 2, & 4 were erroneously omitted from their ballot. To ensure the entire electorate had the ability to vote on the Coachella Valley Unified School District contests, Riverside County joined Imperial County to petition the court for injunctive relief. Although no fault was found on Riverside County the court agreed that the entire electorate needed to vote on the contests prior to any results being released. The election for Coachella Valley Unified School District, Trustee Areas 1, 2, & 4 needed to be bifurcated to ensure all eligible votes were captured before declaring elected officials. The Imperial County special election took place on March 4, 2025.

In accordance with California Elections Code §§ 15301, 15372 and 15374, the official canvass of votes for the November 5, 2024, Consolidated General Election, Coachella Valley Unified School District, Trustee Areas 1, 2, & 4 has been completed and certified by the Registrar of Voters. Attached is the Certificate of the Registrar of Voters and the Statement of Votes cast.

Additionally, in accordance with California Elections Code § 15400, the Board of Supervisors shall declare elected or nominated to each office voted on at each election under its jurisdiction the person having the highest number of votes for that office.

#### Impact on Residents and Businesses

Registered voters who reside in the County of Riverside had the opportunity to elect candidates for federal, state offices, and local jurisdiction offices.

#### Additional Fiscal Information

As approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 22, 2024, local jurisdictions that have added a measure or special election to the November ballot will reimburse the Registrar of Voters for the full cost of conducting their election.

## ATTACHMENTS:

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

ATTACHMENT A. CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

ATTACHMENT B. STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

ATTACHMENT C. FINAL OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

ATTCAHMENT D. STIPULATED JUDGMENT

Jacqueline Ruiz

Sacqueline Ruiz, Principal Analyst

3/26/2025

Stephanie Nelson

3/26/2025



## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO THE RESULTS OF THE CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS

State of California	)	
	)	SS.
County of Riverside	)	

I, **ART TINOCO**, Registrar of Voters of said County, do hereby certify that, in pursuance of the provisions of Sections 15301,15372, and 15374 of the California Elections Code, I did canvass the returns of the votes cast on November 5, 2024, as part of the General Election in the

## COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

and I further certify that the statement of votes cast, to which this certification is attached, shows the whole number of votes for each candidate for elective office at said election, in said District, and in each precinct therein, and that the totals as shown for each candidate are full, true, and correct.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.



ART TINOCO

Registrar of Voters

Leticia Flores

Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters









## 1 Mbr Gov Bd, Coachella Valley USD, TA 1 2 Mbr Gov Bd, Coachella Valley USD, TA 2 3 Mbr Gov Bd, Coachella Valley USD, TA 4

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		Registered Voters	Voters Cast	Turnout (%)	Trinidad "Trini" Arredondo	Agustín Arreola		Jesus R. Gonzalez	Altrena Santillanes	Adrian Rodriguez	Jocelyn Vargas
460039	Total	2924	2565	87.72 %	1214	568		1178	647	579	1120
460047	Total	1563	1453	92.96 %	693	326		540	481	285	676
466010	Total	0	0								
466012	Total	0	0								
466051	Total	0	0								
466053	Total	172	99	57.56 %	61	28		56	39	46	47
466080	Total	393	171	43.51 %	79	78		91	67	63	91
467002	Total	72	38	52.78 %	17	16		18	14	16	18
467004	Total	1307	749	57.31 %	434	253		323	365	338	322
467011	Total	953	466	48.90 %	223	188		208	206	211	189
467055	Total	739	302	40.87 %	157	132		133	148	99	181
467061	Total	2215	1018	45.96 %	587	375		506	455	505	443
467062	Total	79	34	43.04 %	23	9		19	13	21	11
468000	Total	50	15	30.00 %	6	9		8	6	3	10
468011	Total	3	2	66.67 %	***	***		***	***	***	***
468019	Total	1128	529	46.90 %	282	206		246	235	234	240
468024	Total	0	0								
469002	Total	10	10	100.00 %	***	***		***	***	***	***
469003	Total	0	0								
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469005	Total	0	0								
475112	Total	1497	1179	78.76 %	592	352		597	354	346	537
475117	Total	21	11	52.38 %	9	2		4	7	2	9
475120	Total	2457	2070	84.25 %	956	661		1026	604	515	1050
480002	Total	2121	1125	53.04 %	716	354		568	489	427	598
480005	Total	0	0								
480007	Total	3374	1869	55.39 %	1136	591		908	798	741	919
480024	Total	4100	2113	51.54 %	1286	671		1020	918	833	1051
480029	Total	3647	1998	54.78 %	1153	708		1010	831	773	1034
480030	Total	484	257	53.10 %	154	86		129	111	91	143
480033	Total	3541	1807	51.03 %	1100	609		930	751	688	949
480036	Total	0	0								
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488010	Total	0	0								
497035	Total	0	0								
497037	Total	0	0								
497042	Total	0	0								
497048	Total	0	0								
Coachella Valley Unified School District (Por. Imp)	Total	32850	19880	60.52 %	10883	6225		9521	7544	6816	9646
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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Indicates vote data was suppressed due to voter privacy settings.

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## General Election County of Riverside November 5, 2024 Final Official Election Results

Precincts Reported: 1,345 of 1,345 (100.00%) Voters Cast: 959,098 of 1,372,289 (69.89%)

## Mbr Gov Bd, Coachella Valley USD, TA 1 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 40 of 40 (100.00%)

		Total	
Times Cast		19,880 / 32,850	60.52%
Candidate	Party	Total	
Trinidad "Trini" Arredondo		10,883	63.61%
Agustín Arreola		6,225	36.39%
Total Votes		17,108	

## Mbr Gov Bd, Coachella Valley USD, TA 2 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 40 of 40 (100.00%)

		Total	
Times Cast		19,880 / 32,850	60.52%
Candidate	Party	Total	
Jesus R. Gonzalez		9,521	55.79%
Altrena Santillanes		7,544	44.21%
Total Votes		17,065	

## Mbr Gov Bd, Coachella Valley USD, TA 4 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 40 of 40 (100.00%)

		Total	
Times Cast		19,880 / 32,850	60.52%
Candidate	Party	Total	
Jocelyn Vargas		9,646	58.60%
Adrian Rodriguez		6,816	41.40%
Total Votes		16,462	

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# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE – HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Petitioners and Plaintiffs,

v.

ART TINOCO, in his official capacity as Registrar of Voters for County of Riverside, LINSEY DALE, in her official capacity as Registrar of Voters for the County of Imperial,

Respondents and Defendants,

AGUSTIN ARREOLA, TRINIDAD "TRINI" ARREDONDO, ALTRENA SANTILLANES, JESUS GONZALEZ, ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ, JOCELYN VARGAS,

Real Parties in Interest

Case No. **CVRI 2406191** 

STIPULATION AND <del>[PROPOSED]</del> JUDGMENT

Calendar Preference Required By Statute (Elec. Code, § 13314(a)(3))

[Code of Civil Procedure §§ 525, 1085]

Complaint filed: November 5, 2024

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#### **STIPULATION**

This stipulation is entered into by Petitioners and Plaintiffs Imperial County Board of Supervisors and Coachella Valley Unified School District ("CVUSD"); Respondents and Defendants Art Tinoco, in his official capacity as Registrar of Voters for the County of Riverside, and Linsey Dale, in her official capacity as Registrar of Voters for the County of Imperial; and Real Parties in Interest Agustin Arreola, Trinidad "Trini" Arredondo, Altrena Santillanes, Jesus Gonzalez, Adrian Rodriguez, and Jocelyn Vargas (collectively, the "Parties"), either on their own behalf or by and through their attorneys as specified below.

WHEREAS a portion of CVUSD is located in Riverside County and another portion is located in Imperial County;

WHEREAS California held a statewide general election on November 5, 2024 (the "Election");

WHEREAS Trustee Areas 1, 2, and 4 of the CVUSD Board of Education each had contested elections for Board of Education in that Election;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 5019 and 5030, subdivision (c), CVUSD currently elects its Members to its Board of Education at large by all electors in the CVUSD, but the Members must reside in their respective trustee areas;

WHEREAS, as a result of a clerical error, the elections for Trustee Areas 1, 2, and 4 of the CVUSD Board of Education were listed on ballots for electors residing within CVUSD and within Riverside County but not for electors residing within CVUSD and within Imperial County;

WHEREAS, one basis for an election challenge is that "eligible voters who attempted to vote in accordance with the laws of the state were denied their right to vote," requiring that all eligible voters have the opportunity to vote in an election;

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, Petitioners filed this Writ Petition and applied for a Temporary Restraining Order prohibiting the Riverside County Registrar of Voters from releasing the partial CVUSD election results in Riverside County so that the release of results would not bias those Imperial County voters who had yet had an opportunity to vote;

WHEREAS the Court granted the Temporary Restraining Order that same day;

WHEREAS the Riverside County Registrar of Voters has complied with that Order;

WHEREAS Elections Code, division 3, chapter 1, authorizes voting by mail and directs elections officials to make mail ballots available to any registered voter;

WHEREAS there are nine precincts in CVUSD in Imperial County;

WHEREAS eight of those nine precincts were "mail ballot only" precincts with no physical inperson voting location in the November 5, 2024, election;

WHEREAS there was a single in-person voting location in the ninth precinct, which is precinct number 483021;

WHEREAS the Parties agree that the Imperial County Registrar of Voters should use the same voting methods to allow the CVUSD electors in Imperial County to vote in the CVUSD Board of Education elections as was used in the November 5, 2024, election;

WHEREAS it will take the Imperial County Registrar of Voters approximately two weeks to finalize with its vendor a new ballot for the Election;

WHEREAS it will take an additional three-to-five weeks to finalize mail envelopes and to mail out the ballots;

WHEREAS Elections Code section 3114 requires that ballots be mailed to military or overseas voters at least 45 days before the Election;

WHEREAS Elections Code section 3001 requires that ballots be mailed to regular voters at least 29 days before the Election;

WHEREAS Government Code section 1302 states, "Every officer whose term has expired shall continue to discharge the duties of his office until his successor has qualified.";

WHEREAS pursuant to Government Code section 1302, those Board of Education Members whose terms are set to expire in 2024 shall remain in office until the results of the November 5, 2024, CVUSD election have been certified in Riverside and Imperial Counties;

WHEREAS the Parties agree that the Verified Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive Relief, the Joint Application for a Temporary Restraining Order, this Stipulation, the [Proposed] Judgment, and the proposed Writ of Mandate articulate the appropriate remedy for this matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby stipulate and respectfully request that the Court order as follows:

- 1. The Court shall grant the Petition for Writ of Mandate;
- 2. Judgment shall be entered in favor of Petitioners and Plaintiffs Imperial County Board of Supervisors and Coachella Valley Unified School District, with all parties bearing their own costs and fees in this litigation;
- 3. A Writ of Mandate shall issue in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 4. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter and the Parties to enforce its Judgment and Writ of Mandate until there is full performance of the terms thereof.

Dated: November20, 2024	Respectfully submitted,
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Attorneys for Petitioner and Plaintiff Imperial County Board of Supervisors

Dated: November 21, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

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## <del>|PROPOSED|</del> JUDGMENT

The Court having considered the Verified Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive Relief, the Joint Application for a Temporary Restraining Order, and the Stipulation above, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

- 1. The Verified Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive Relief filed in this matter on November 5, 2024, is hereby granted;
- 2. Judgment is hereby entered in favor of Petitioners Imperial County Board of Supervisors and Coachella Valley Unified School District;
- 3. A Writ of Mandate shall issue in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 4. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter and the parties to it to enforce its Judgment and Writ of Mandate until there is full performance of the terms thereof.
- 5. All parties shall bear their own costs and fees for this litigation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:	11/27/2024	By:	Chi	
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STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] JUDGMENT

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Whereas, judgment having been entered P[ç^{ à^|AG}, 2024, in this action, ordering that a peremptory writ of mandate be issued from this Court,

## To Respondent Registrar of Voters for the County of Imperial:

## YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. You shall take all actions necessary to ensure that all voters eligible to participate in the November 2024 election for the Coachella Valley Unified School District ("District") Board of Education (the "Election") are allowed to vote in that election. This includes, but is not limited to, (1) issuing mail ballots to all eligible District voters in Imperial County, and accepting returned ballots from those voters within a reasonable time that is consistent with regular vote-by-mail requirements; and (2) opening an in-person polling location for one election day in Precinct Number 483021for those voters in that precinct who choose to vote in person. These steps shall be completed not later than March 4, 2025, and you shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it no later than March 18, 2025.
- 2. You shall work with any and all relevant parties, including all parties to this litigation, to complete the actions ordered in paragraph 1 and to promptly finalize the Election. All deadlines associated with finalizing the Election are hereby suspended or tolled until you complete the actions ordered in paragraph 1.

## To Respondent Registrar of Voters for the County of Riverside:

## YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 3. You shall not release the results of the portion of the Election that took place in Riverside County for the November 5, 2024, election until Imperial County has completed the actions ordered in paragraph 1 above.
- 4. You shall work with any and all relevant parties, including all parties to this litigation, to promptly finalize the Election once Imperial County has completed the actions ordered in paragraph 1 above by combining the tabulated results from Imperial County with the previously tabulated results from Riverside County for the November 5, 2024 to produce

the vote totals for the Election. All deadlines associated with finalizing the Election are hereby suspended or tolled until Imperial County has completed the actions ordered in paragraph 1. This does not prohibit the timely and regular certification of all other contests in Riverside County other than the November 2024 election for the Coachella Valley Unified School District. BOTH RESPONDENTS AND DEFENDANTS ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to file an Of talk ÉO€CÍ initial return to this writ no later than 120 days after this writ is served, setting forth what you have done to comply with the writ. You shall file further supplemental returns every 30 days thereafter until the writ is discharged. V@ÁÔ[ˇ¦ơÁ @cd|Á^ơÁcÁ EFFEDÍÁccÁ KHEæ(Á^çã) Á;ÁY¦ãÓP^æðā;ÉBàˇơÁ æÂcæ\^Ác@Á@æðā;\*Á;~Á&æd^}åæbÁ ]¦[çãa^åÁc@Á^č¦}Ásjåã&æce^•Á;[Áˇč¦^Á^çã\*,ÃsiA,^^å^åÈÁÔÝØÁ **PETITIONERS ARE COMMANDED** to send a copy of this Writ to counsel for the Secretary of State within seven days of the Writ being issued. LET THE WRIT OF MANDATE ISSUE. 11/27/2024 Dated: