

County of Santa Cruz

COUNTY CLERK / ELECTIONS

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To: Board of Supervisors, Special Districts, School Districts and Cities

From: Gail Pellerin, County Clerk

Re: November 2020 Election Information

Date: April 6, 2020

The deadline for calling an election for a measure on the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election is **August 7,2020**. If your board is planning to place a measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot, you must file a resolution that does all the following:

- 1. Orders the election;
- 2. Requests the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department to conduct the election; and
- 3. Consolidates the election with any other jurisdiction holding an election on November 3, 2020.

I have attached some documents to assist you with this process.

- Administrative Calendar (Attachment A)
- How to Place a Measure on the Ballot (Attachment B)
- Sample Resolution of the Election Order for Special Districts & Cities (Attachment C) Due by August 7
- Notice of Election for Special Districts & Cities (Attachment D) Due by July 1
- Sample Resolution of the Election Order for School Districts (Attachment E) Due by July 3 for governing board elections; Due by August 7 for measures
- Quick Calendar

In order to meet the August 7, 2020 deadline for filing your resolution calling your election, we recommend that you start this process no later than your May/June 2020 meeting.

Here are the estimated election costs for the 2020 elections:

November 3, 2020 Estimated Costs

Jurisdictions with under 999 registered voters

Jurisdictions with 1,000 or more voters
 \$1.50 to \$2.50 per voter

Stand-Alone Election Estimated Costs

Jurisdictions with under 999 registered voters \$9 and up

Jurisdictions with 1,000 to 10,000 registered voters
 Jurisdictions with 10,001 or more registered voters
 \$5 to \$9 per voter
 \$4 to \$5 per voter

You can look up the number of registered voters in your district online at www.VRtotals. Please contact me at 831-454-2419 or gail.pellerin@santacruzcounty.us if you have any questions.

COVID-19: Impact on the November 3, 2020 Election

Election officials in California are working closely with the Secretary of State's Office as well as other election rights advocacy groups to identify how best to conduct the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election to ensure the health and safety of our voters, election workers, and staff.

As you know the situation changes daily, and we continue to learn more about how this virus is impacting our communities.

Right now, my plan is to mail a ballot to all voters and have some form of in-person voting available. I will keep you posted on any decisions we make that will impact the November election.

In the meantime, please follow the public health guidelines to wash your hands often, clean surfaces you touch frequently, practice safe distances from others, cover your cough or sneeze, wear a mask when you are out in public, and stay home if you are sick. Let's work together today for a healthy tomorrow!