

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

August 24, 2021

FROM

BOB PAGE, Registrar of Voters

LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the Board, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

Chaffey Community College District Request to Change Governing Board Member Election Dates

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Adopt **Resolution No. 2021-158** to approve a request from the governing body of Chaffey Community College District to move its election dates from March of each even-numbered year to the statewide primary elections as defined by California Elections Code section 1201, commencing with the June 7, 2022 Statewide Primary Election.
(Presenter: Bob Page, Registrar of Voters, 387-2100)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Adequate appropriation and revenue was included in the Registrar of Voters (ROV) and Clerk of the Board (COB) 2021-22 budgets to process this election change request.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of the proposed resolution would consolidate Chaffey Community College District's (District) elections with the statewide primary elections held in March of each even-numbered year that is evenly divisible by four and June of each even-numbered year that is not evenly divisible by four, commencing with the June 7, 2022 Statewide Primary Election.

California Elections Code section 10405.7 authorizes community college districts, by resolution of the governing board, to move governing board member elections to statewide primary or general elections held in even-numbered years.

On September 1, 2015, the Governor approved Senate Bill 415. This bill prohibits jurisdictions from holding an election other than on a statewide election date in even-numbered years after January 1, 2018, if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has historically resulted in low voter turnout.

On May 23, 2017, (Item No. 116) the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2017-93 approving requests from 24 districts to move their election dates from the consolidated elections

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held in November of odd-numbered years to statewide elections held in even-numbered years. The District opted to move to the statewide primary election held in June.

On September 27, 2017, the Governor approved Senate Bill 568 to change the date of statewide primaries from June to March in even-numbered years, commencing in 2020. As a result, the District's request to move to statewide primary elections held in June no longer conformed to Senate Bill 415's requirement to consolidate with a statewide election in even-numbered years.

On June 27, 2019, the District adopted Resolution No. 62719 requesting the District's elections be changed from June to March of even-numbered years to coincide with the new statewide primary election date in March.

On September 18, 2020, the Governor approved Senate Bill 970 to amend California Elections Code sections 1000, 1001, 1201, and 1202 to change the date of statewide primaries from March to June in even-numbered years in which there is no presidential primary, commencing in 2022. As a result, the District's request to move to statewide primary elections held in March no longer conformed to Senate Bill 415's requirement to consolidate with a statewide election in even-numbered years.

On June 24, 2021, the District adopted Resolution No. 62421 requesting the District's elections be changed from March in the even-numbered years to statewide primary elections as defined by California Elections Code section 1201.

California Elections Code sections 1302 and 10405.7:

- Require the County to notify all community college districts in the county of the District's consolidation request, and to request input from each district on the effect of the consolidation.
- Provide that "The Board of Supervisors, within 60 days from the date of submission, shall approve the resolution unless it finds that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled."
- Provide the resolution to move election dates becomes operative upon approval by the Board of Supervisors.
- Require ROV to notify all registered voters of the District affected by the consolidation of the approval of the resolution by the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of that approval. The notice will be sent by mail at the expense of the District.

Pursuant to the statute, COB sent notices to all community college districts. No responses to the requests for comments were received.

ROV can produce a ballot with all required ballot styles and the equipment and its computer capacity can handle this consolidation request.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed resolution approving the District's request for consolidation with statewide primary elections held in March of each even-numbered year that is evenly divisible by four and in June of each even-numbered year that is not evenly divisible by four, commencing with the June 7, 2022 Statewide Primary Election.

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PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jolena Grider, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on July 29, 2021; Finance (Elias Duenas, Administrative Analyst, 387-5423) on August 5, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Robert J. Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on August 9, 2021.

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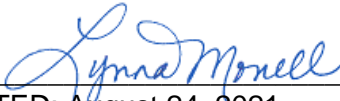
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San Bernardino County

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Janice Rutherford
Ayes: Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.
Absent: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY



DATED: August 24, 2021



cc: W/RESOLUTION
File- Registrar of Voters
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