

Legislation Text

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

October 27, 2020

# <u>FROM</u> BOB PAGE, Registrar of Voters, Registrar of Voters

### **SUBJECT**

Appointment of Candidates in Lieu of Election

#### RECOMMENDATION(S)

Adopt Resolution appointing candidates in lieu of election for certain contests in the 2020 Presidential General Election, where the number of persons filing a Declaration of Candidacy was less than or equal to the number of offices to be filled.

(Presenter: Bob Page, Registrar of Voters, 387-2100)

### COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of these actions will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) as the adoption of Resolutions for Appointments in Lieu of Election is non-financial in nature, and appropriation for the minimal staffing required was included in the 2020-21 Registrar of Voters (ROV) operational budget.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Adoption of this Resolution will appoint candidates, in lieu of election, to fill certain offices that were up for election in various special districts in the 2020 Presidential General Election.

California Elections Code section 10515 requires that when the number of candidates who file for an office is less than or equal to the number of offices to be filled, the Board of Supervisors (Board) shall appoint those candidates to the office. When no person files for an office, the Board shall appoint a qualified person to fill that office. All persons appointed in lieu of election by the Board shall serve to the end of the term.

Candidate appointments, where there were an equal or fewer number of persons for each contest (unopposed), are for 40 offices in 21 special districts. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515, the recommended Resolution would appoint these 40 candidates who filed a Declaration of Candidacy for this election.

No eligible voters filed a Declaration of Candidacy for 24 additional offices in 12 special districts. ROV recently requested First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts to identify qualified candidates for these 24

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vacancies. Recommended appointments to these vacant offices will be presented to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

#### PROCUREMENT

N/A

### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jolena Grider, Deputy County Counsel, 387-4310) on October 1, 2020; Finance (Elias Duenas, Administrative Analyst, 387-4052) on October 13, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on October 13, 2020.