



CITY *of* CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: AUGUST 3, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MARICELA HERNANDEZ, MMC, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF PAST ELECTION ISSUES AND THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION

MEETING
DATE: AUGUST 12, 2020

SUMMARY:

As you know, Senate Bill 415 (SB) 415 mandated the City of Calabasas to consolidate all elections with L.A. County effective November 2018 and beyond.

BACKGROUND:

March 3, 2020, Special Municipal Election

During the most recent election, there were several anomalies, which are detailed in the attached letter from Mayor Weintraub to the L.A. County Board of Supervisors (BOS). Copy of this letter was posted on the City's website and was distributed to Secretary of State Alex Padilla, Senator Stern and Assemblymember Gabriel.

The BOS directed the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RRCC) to investigate the challenges voters experienced on the days leading to the election as well as on Election Day. The RRCC provided his reports to the BOS on April 27 and are also attached for your reference.

The responses to Mayor Weintraub's letter from the BOS Executive Office and the RRCC are also attached.

November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election

On April 28, the BOS took unanimous action to adopt the expanded Vote by Mail (VBM) model under the existing provisions of the Voter's Choice Act. That motion is attached.

This means that the County will be mailing a ballot to every registered voter for the November 3 Election. In-person voting at Vote Centers will continue to be supported with an adequate number of centers. It has yet to be determined how many Vote Centers the County will implement for November. The City's Founders Hall has been tentatively designated as a five-day Vote Center. In addition, staff is working with the County to secure a 24-hour VBM Drop-off box.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council discuss past election issues and the upcoming November 3, 2020 election; and provide direction to staff as desired.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Letter sent to LA BOS Chair, Kathryn Barger
- B. Response letter from L.A. County Chief Executive Officer, Sachi Hamai
- C. Response letter from the RRCC to Mayor Weintraub
- D. Response letter from the RRCC to the BOS
- E. BOS motion regarding the November 3, 2020 election
- F. VSAP BOS Report
- G. VSAP VBM Implementation Report