



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
Date: September 3, 2019
Re: March 2020 Election Information

The deadline for calling an election for a measure on the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election is **December 6, 2019**. If your board is planning to place a measure on the March 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. Consolidate the election with any other jurisdiction holding an election on March 3, 2020.

Please be advised that no local government may impose, extend, or increase any general tax unless and until that tax is submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority vote. The election shall be consolidated with a regularly scheduled general election for members of the governing body of the local government, except in cases of emergency declared by a unanimous vote of the governing body. CA Constitution Art. XIIC, Sect. 2(b)

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

- Administrative Calendar (Attachment A)
- Quick Calendar (Attachment B)
- Sample Resolution of the Election Order for Special Districts (Attachment C)
- Sample Resolution of the Election Order for School Districts (Attachment D)
- How to Place a Measure on the Ballot (Attachment E)

To meet the December 6, 2019 deadline for filing your resolution calling your election, we recommend that you start this process no later than your September 2019 meeting.

Here are the estimated election costs for the 2020 elections:

March 3, 2020 Estimated Costs

- Jurisdictions with under 999 registered voters varies
- Jurisdictions with 1,000 or more voters \$2 to \$4 per voters

November 3, 2020 Estimated Costs

- Jurisdictions with under 999 registered voters varies
- 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 \$5 to \$9 per voter
- Jurisdictions with 10,001 or more registered voters \$4 to \$5 per voter

You can find other resources and information on our website www.votescount.com. Please contact me at 831-454-2419 or gail.pellerin@santacruzcounty.us or Mari Segura at 831-454-2408 or mari.segura@santacruzcounty.us if you have any questions.