



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT	(2) MEETING DATE 12/15/2020	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Tommy Gong, Clerk-Recorder / 805-781-5235	
(4) SUBJECT Request to declare the results (Clerk's File) of the November 3, 2020 Consolidated General Election. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board declare the results of the November 3, 2020 Consolidated General Election.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) General Fund. Reimbursement from Other Agencies, State allocations/grants	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? N/A	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Morgan Torell			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tommy Gong, Clerk-Recorder / 805-781-5235

DATE: 12/15/2020

SUBJECT: Request to declare the results (Clerk's File) of the November 3, 2020 Consolidated General Election. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board declare the results of the November 3, 2020 Consolidated General Election.

DISCUSSION

The Consolidated General Election was held on November 3, 2020, for the election of Federal, State, County, City, School, and Special District offices, Statewide propositions, and local measures. All in-person, vote-by-mail, and provisional ballots have been counted and the official canvass has been completed. The County Clerk-Recorder has certified the election and signed the Certificate of County Clerk-Recorder and is submitting this to your Board along with the Summary Report of Final Official Election Results and Statement of Votes Cast (Clerk's File). Pursuant to Elections Code §15400, the governing body shall declare elected or nominated to each office, the person having the highest number of votes for that office, or who was elected or nominated under the exceptions noted in Section 15452. The governing board shall also declare the results for each measure voted upon under its jurisdiction at the election.

With unprecedented circumstances due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all registered voters were sent a vote-by-mail ballot and fundamental changes were made to precinct operations in order to maintain a safe voting environment.

The county saw a record-breaking number of 184,050 registered voters, the most the County of San Luis Obispo has ever seen. The turnout for this election was 88.35%, which greatly exceeds the previous record of 83.14% set at the 2008 Presidential Election. This puts the County of San Luis Obispo among the top 6 counties in the State of California with the highest voting percentage. The County Clerk-Recorder believes the additional efforts made in voter outreach and education helped with this increase in voter turnout. Significantly shifted was the number of voters voting by mail compared to those voting in person: 152,741 voted by mail (93.93% of ballots cast), the highest number of vote-by-mail ballots ever cast in any election, while 9,874 voted in person (6.07% of ballots cast).

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The successful conduct of an election is a community effort and could not have been accomplished without collaboration with numerous other County Departments, the facilities that served as Voter Service Centers, and the hard work of the nearly 400 people who staffed the Voter Service Centers over the 4 days of voting. After the polls closed each election night, the Clerk-Recorder team worked tirelessly to ensure the return, securing, and inventory of all voted ballots.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

A total of \$1,150,435 was originally budgeted for this election, and a Board approved budget augmentation request of an additional \$1,454,029 was added due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the additional equipment, staffing, and precautions the Governor's order required for the election. Exact costs will not be finalized for several weeks. All cities, schools, and special districts included in this election will reimburse the county for their pro-rated share of the election costs, as well as reimbursement to be sought from Federal CARES Act and State grant funding.

RESULTS

This item allows the Board of Supervisors to declare the results of the November 3, 2020 Consolidated General Election as prescribed by law.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Certificate of County Clerk-Recorder
- 2 Clerk's File Statement