



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/8/2020

File #: 20-1557

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Certification of the Results of the November 3, 2020, Presidential General Election

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the Certified Statement of Results of the Official Canvass for the Presidential General Election on November 3, 2020.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

DISCUSSION:

Immediately upon the close of the polls on Election Day, the county elections office begins the canvass of the vote. The activities undertaken during the official canvass include:

1. Processing and counting any valid vote by mail and provisional ballots not included in the election night totals;
2. An inspection of all materials and supplies returned by poll workers;
3. A reconciliation of the number of signatures on the precinct roster with the number of ballots recorded on the ballot statement;
4. A reconciliation of the number of ballots counted, spoiled, or rejected due to damage;
5. Counting any valid write-in votes;
6. Reproducing any damaged ballots, if necessary;
7. Conducting a hand count of the ballots cast in one percent of the precincts; and
8. Reporting the final results as required.

Elections Code, Section 15372, requires the county elections official to complete the official canvass no later than the 30th day after the election and submit a certified statement of the results to the governing body, the County Board of Supervisors.

Election Code, Section 15400, states that the governing body shall declare elected or

nominated to
each office voted on at each election under its jurisdiction the person having the highest
number of
votes for that office. The governing board shall also declare the results of each election under
its
jurisdiction as to each measure voted on at the election.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approximate costs of the Presidential General Election on November 3, 2020 is \$550,000. Budget Unit 1100140 allocated \$350,000 for election costs in fiscal year 2020-21. Humboldt County Office of Elections' allocation of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding is an amount not to exceed \$297,223 for reimbursement funding of COVID-related election costs. The Office of Elections has requested CARES Act reimbursement funding for eligible costs in the amount of \$277,261.51. Additionally, municipalities, school districts, and special districts will be billed for their share of election-related expenses.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to accept the Certified Statement of Results, but would then be out of compliance with Elections Code, Section 15400.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Certificate of Final Election Results
Attachment 2: Summary of Election Results
Attachment 3: Precinct by Precinct Report

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: n/a
Meeting of: n/a
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