



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/10/2024

File #: 24-1635

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Certification of the November 5, 2024, General Election Results

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the Certified Statement of Results of the Official Canvass for the November 5, 2024, General Election.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

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(a), 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.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

File #: 24-1635

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

The approximate cost of the election is \$550,000 and has been allocated within the Elections budget, 1100140, for fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could choose to not accept the Certified Statement of Results. However, this is not recommended as that would leave the Board 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:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A