



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/28/2020

File #: 20-519

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Certification of the Results of the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the Certified Statement of Results of the Official Canvass for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election.

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. On March 20, 2020, the California Governor issued an executive order extending all deadlines associated with the official canvass period by 21 days to April 23, 2020.

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:

The approximate cost of the election is \$525,000 which has been included in the budget.

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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