



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/16/2025

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File #: 25-1441

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Clerk/Recorder

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Certification of the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election Results

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the Certified Statement of Results of the Official Canvass for the Nov. 4, 2025, Statewide Special 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 from vote centers;
3. A reconciliation of the number of signatures on the vote center rosters 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. Reproducing any damaged ballots, if necessary;
6. Conducting a hand count of the ballots cast in one percent of the precincts; and,
7. Reporting the final results to the Secretary of State 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 and State of California.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

The approximate cost of the election has been allocated within the Election Office budget by the State of California.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

N/A

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

California Secretary of State

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The alternative to staff recommendations would be for the Board to not accept the Certified Statement of Results. 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:**

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