



## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-4

For the meeting of: March 7, 2017

Date: February 23, 2017  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass  
Subject: Resolution to Reschedule Election of Governing Board Members of the Southern Humboldt Unified School District

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors approve the request and forward to the Elections Department for processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

DISCUSSION: The Southern Humboldt Unified School District Board passed Resolution # No. 05-1617 on December 8, 2016, requesting approval from the Board of Supervisors to consolidate the election of the Southern Humboldt Unified School District Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years. Currently, school board member elections are held in November in odd-numbered years. The Southern Humboldt Unified School District Board is requesting the Board approve future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save public funds and provide greater voter input into school board elections.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Southern Humboldt Unified School District.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution # No. 05-1617

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ Kathy Hayes

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:  
Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:  
☒ Consent  
☐ Departmental  
☐ Public Hearing  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
Upon motion of Supervisor  
Seconded by Supervisor  
And unanimously carried by those members present,  
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action  
contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nikki Turner, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEE ACTION SUMMARY**



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## Southern Humboldt Unified School District

### Board of Trustees

Jeff Henderson  
Barbara Lindsay  
William "Scotty" McClure  
Thomas Mulder  
Dennis O'Sullivan

### Administration

Catherine Scott  
District Superintendent

### Principals

Jeff Landry  
Paula Panfilio  
Stephanie Steffano-Davis

January 26, 2017

Humboldt County Office of Education and County of Humboldt

*RE: Request from the Southern Humboldt Unified School District to Consolidate the District's Election of Board Trustees with the November General Election in Even-Numbered Years*

To Whom It May Concern:

On September 1, 2015 Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 415 (SB 415) into law. As of January 1, 2018, SB 415 prohibits school districts from holding elections on dates other than statewide election dates if holding it on another date has previously resulted in lower voter turnout. On January 12, 2017 the Southern Unified School Board of Trustees passed and adopted Resolution No. 05-1617.

This consolidation of elections to even-numbered years will extend the term of the current Board of Trustees by one year. The SHUSD requests that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approve the consolidation.

Please call (707) 943-1789 with any questions.

Thank you,

Catherine Scott

Southern Humboldt Unified School District Superintendent

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"All students can learn and succeed, but not on the same day in the same way." William G Spady

**Southern Humboldt Unified School District  
Resolution No. 05-1617**

**Change of Election Day of the Governing Board and Requesting the Board of Supervisors  
for the Counties of Humboldt and Mendocino to Authorize Consolidation with the  
November Election During Even-Numbered Years**

**WHEREAS**, §§ 1302, subd. (b) and 10404.5 of the Elections Code permits the Southern Humboldt Unified School District to change its election day with the approval of the Board of Supervisors of the Counties of Humboldt and Mendocino;

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and desire of the Governing Board of the Southern Humboldt Unified School District to provide its constituents with the lowest possible cost while promoting the increasingly efficient and effective use of government resources; and

**WHEREAS**, by changing the next governing board election from November, 2017 [*odd-numbered year*] to November, 2018 [*even-numbered year*], the costs of an election would be deferred for an additional calendar year;

**WHEREAS**, in order to comply with the mandate of SB 415 (Elections Code § 14050 et seq.), requiring political subdivisions that have had a significant decrease in voter turnout to hold their elections only on the same day as a statewide election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DECLARED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That pursuant to Elections Code §§ 1302, subd. (b) and 10404.5, the Governing Board hereby, by this resolution, changes its election from the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November of each odd-numbered year to the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November of each even-numbered year; and, further, that the election shall be consolidated with all other elections held throughout the territory on that day.

**Section 2.** That terms of officeholders shall be extended as necessary, but no more than twelve months.

**Section 3.** That the Registrar of Voters shall cause, at district expense, a notice to be mailed to all registered voters in the Southern Humboldt Unified School District informing them of the change of election date specified herein and of the resultant changes in terms of the elected officeholders.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall become operative upon approval by all of the above-named Board of Supervisors pursuant to Elections Code §§ 1302, subd. (b) and 10404.5.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of December, 2016 at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Southern Humboldt Unified School District.

SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By:

  
Board President

Attest:   
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_