

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SHEILA KUEHL AND
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Oppose SB 25

On July 3rd SB 25 (Portantino) was amended to mandate a three-year pilot program only in Los Angeles County where the county elections official would be required to: 1) use a revised order of precedence of offices on the ballot; and 2) submit a legislative report of specified findings to the Secretary of State and Legislature. The amendments require Los Angeles County to utilize a reverse ballot order in which city and local offices, candidates and measures would appear first on the ballot followed by District, County, State and National offices and candidates.

In addition, SB 25 would require Los Angeles County to utilize this reverse ballot order concurrently with the implementation of the County’s Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) Initiative and the new earlier date for the Presidential Primary (moved from June 2020 to March 2020). Presidential primaries are the most complicated elections to administer and this pilot program would further compound that complexity while also diverting limited voter education resources. SB 25 does not include additional funding to the County to cover these costs.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Delegation and California Secretary of State Alex Padilla indicating their opposition to SB 25.

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