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Board of Supervisors
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Dear Sir:

Attached is Resolution 05-12, To Consolidate Board Member Elections with General Statewide Elections that was approved by the Westside Board of Trustees on February 1, 2005. The District and Board of Trustees request that the Board of Supervisors approve this resolution consolidating the Westside Union School District Board Member election with the General Statewide election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year as authorized in Elections Code section 1302 and 10404.5. If approved this would delay the current scheduled Board Member election from November 8, 2005 to November 7, 2006 and the current Board of Trustee's terms would be extended according to the provision of Elections Code Section 10404.5 and other applicable provisions of law.

By consolidating Board Member elections with the General Election would likely result in a higher participation rate in the elections. This consolidation would also result in a significant election cost savings to the District during this time of financial crisis and into the future.

Upon approval of this resolution, the District shall cause a certified copy of this resolution to be filed with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Regina L. Rossall
Superintendent

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enclosure

BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF)
CONSOLIDATION OF BOARD)
MEMBER ELECTIONS WITH)
GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTIONS)
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**RESOLUTION 05-12
TO CONSOLIDATE BOARD MEMBER
ELECTIONS WITH GENERAL
STATEWIDE ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 1302, subdivision (a), provides that regular elections to select governing board members in any school district shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year;

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 1302, subdivision (b), further provides that, after the initial election of governing board members in any school district, the election of governing board members may be established, upon the adoption of an appropriate resolution by the governing board, to regularly occur on the same day as the statewide direct primary election, the statewide general election, or the general municipal election as set forth in Elections Code section 1301;

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 10404.5, subdivision (a), requires that a resolution of a school district governing board to establish an election day pursuant to subdivision (b) of Election Code section 1302 must be adopted and submitted to the board of supervisors not later than 240 days prior to the date of the currently scheduled election of the district;

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 10404.5, subdivision (d), requires that the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution (establishing the election of governing board members to occur regularly with the statewide general election) within 60 days from the date of receipt, unless it finds that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled;

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 10404.5, subdivision (g), requires that, if the election day for a school district governing board is established pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1302 of the Elections Code, the term of office of all then incumbent members of that governing board shall be extended accordingly;

WHEREAS, board member elections for the Westside Union School District are currently held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year;

WHEREAS, the date of the next scheduled Governing Board election is November 8, 2005;

WHEREAS, consolidation the District Governing Board elections with the general election would likely result in a higher participation rate in District Governing Board elections and thereby advance the democratic process;

WHEREAS, consolidation of District Governing Board elections with the general election would result in significant election cost savings to the District, in this time of financial crisis and into the future;

WHEREAS, the Westside Union Governing Board desires to have the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approve the consolidation of Board Member elections for the Westside Union School District with the general statewide election held on the first Tuesday

after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year and believes that, given the expertise of, and resources available to, the County of Los Angeles, that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials can be handled during the general statewide election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Westside Union School District hereby requests that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approve the consolidation of Board Member elections for the Westside Union School District with the general statewide election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year as authorized in Elections Code sections 1302 and 10404.5, and other applicable provisions of law, beginning in November 2006, thus, delaying the currently scheduled Board Member election from November 8 of 2005 to November 7 of 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this RESOLUTION is approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the term of office of all members of the Governing Board shall be extended according to the provisions of Elections Code Section 10404.5 and other applicable provisions of law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent shall cause a certified copy of this RESOLUTION to be filed with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools no later than 240 days prior to the next scheduled Governing Board election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent and her designees are hereby authorized and directed to take any other steps necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this resolution.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the Board of Education of the Westside Union School District, Los Angeles County, California, at a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Education held on February 1, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

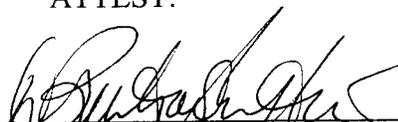
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ABSTAIN: 0



Marty Møden, President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Deborah Rutkowski-Hines, Clerk

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Sup. Executive Office

CONNOR B. McCORMACK
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

May 22, 2005

TO: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk *CMC*

LESSENING THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF CONDUCTING LOCAL ELECTIONS

At your Board's meeting of March 22, 2005, during the consideration of a request by the Westside Union School District to change its Board Member election date from the November odd-year Unified District Election (UDEL) to the Statewide General Election date in November of even-numbered years, Supervisor Molina requested that a report on "ways to assist smaller jurisdictions to lessen the financial impact of conducting local elections."

The Board of Westside Union School District was under the impression that a significant cost saving could be achieved by moving its Board Member elections to the Statewide General date. However, analysis of the costs incurred during the November 2004 Presidential Election has shown that this is not correct. The costs for jurisdictions consolidating with Statewide General elections would be very similar to the costs incurred on the UDEL ballot.

Attached for your information and background is a packet of information detailing the reasons for your Board's long-standing policy of denying requests to consolidate with Statewide Primary and General Elections.



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Summary of election consolidation policy Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

- 1) The County's voting system (InkaVote) does not have the capacity to include regularly-scheduled races for all jurisdictions within the County on either its Primary or General even-numbered year election.
- 2) There is no way to determine in advance of the completion of candidate filing which jurisdictions' candidates would fit on any given Primary or General Election ballot.
- 3) In fairness to the many cities and school districts within Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors has a long-established policy of denying requests for consolidation with Primary or General Elections. The basis for this denial is Number 1) above, that is, the County's voting system lacks the capacity to include all jurisdictions' elections.

Cities whose Councils wish to consolidate with a County-conducted election may do so with the November odd year (UDEL) election.

Attached to this document are the items listed below that address this issue, in chronological order from the earliest to the most recent.

Date	Item
January 23, 1987	Board of Supervisors resolution reaffirming its 1981 policy to deny requests for consolidation of local elections with statewide Primary or General elections due to the inability of the voting system to accommodate these consolidations.
February 2, 2004	Memo from Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) to City Clerks regarding changing election dates to March of even-numbered years.
February 17, 2004	Memo from RR/CC to Board of Supervisors regarding AB1521 and requests from several cities to consolidate elections with Primary or General elections.
April 1, 2004	Memo from RR/CC to City Managers and Members of City Councils (all cities in Los Angeles County) regarding Board of Supervisors' policy to deny requests for consolidation with Primary and General elections.
May 11, 2004	Memo from RR/CC to Board of Supervisors regarding request by City of Sierra Madre to consolidate its regular municipal election with Statewide Primary Election.

June 15, 2004	Memo from RR/CC to City Clerks (all cities in Los Angeles County) regarding Board of Supervisors' denial of the request of the City of Irwindale to change its election date to coincide with the Statewide Primary.
March 15, 2005	Correspondence between Westside Union School District and RR/CC regarding its request to consolidate with the General Election. (Attachments to this letter include a chart showing the status of various requests in 2004 and 2005 requesting election date changes.)
Current	Chart of all cities in Los Angeles County showing election dates



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CHARLES WEISSBURD
REGISTRAR-RECORDER

January 23, 1987

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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LARRY J. MONTELL
REGISTRAR-RECORDER

Board Order

- November 18, 1986 - for report and recommendations relating to requests for consolidation of local elections with statewide elections

Background

- Consolidation requests are pursuant to recent changes in State law allowing all local jurisdictions to consolidate their elections.
- Board policy since 1981 (reaffirmed January 13, 1987) to deny requests for consolidation of local election with statewide Primary or General elections.
- New State law requires Board of Supervisors to make a finding that county's voting system will not accommodate consolidation of local elections.

Impact on Los Angeles County

- Consolidations would add over 900 candidates to the already crowded statewide election ballot.
- Election system used in Los Angeles County cannot accommodate consolidations without major expansion at a cost of millions of dollars.
- Consolidations would seriously jeopardize the conduct of elections in Los Angeles County.

Recommendation

- Find that the election system used in Los Angeles County will not accommodate consolidation of regularly scheduled local elections with statewide elections and that requests for such consolidations from local jurisdictions be denied.

(REVISED)

RESOLUTION DENYING REQUESTS
FOR CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Sections 5000.5 and 5010.7 of the Education Code, Section 23302.1 of the Elections Code and Section 36503.5 of the Government Code authorize school districts, community college districts, special districts and cities to request consolidation of their general elections with a statewide primary or general election; and

WHEREAS, such requests are to be made to the board of supervisors of the county in which such entities are located; and

WHEREAS, several such requests have been filed with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, one such request is from the Fullerton Joint Union High School District whose boundaries are located primarily in the County of Orange; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is authorized by law to deny requests for consolidation after making a finding that the ballot style, voting equipment or computer capacity prevent the handling of additional elections or materials; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar/Recorder of the County of Los Angeles has prepared and transmitted to the Board of Supervisors an impact analysis of the requested consolidations,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND FOUND THAT:

1. The consolidation of any school district, community college district, special district or city general election with either a statewide primary or general election cannot be handled by the County of Los Angeles because of the ballot style and voting equipment currently being utilized by the Registrar/Recorder; and
2. With the exception of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, all requests for such consolidation of elections are hereby denied; and
3. With respect to the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, such request for consolidation is approved upon the condition that the County of Orange conduct the District's election for that portion of the District lying within the County of Los Angeles.

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I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on the 10th day of February, 1987, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles this 10th day of February, 1987.

LARRY J. MONTEILH, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles



By

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By

[Signature]
PHILIP H. HICKOK
Principal Deputy County Counsel

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LARRY J. MONTEILH
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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CONNY B. McCORMACK
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

February 2, 2004

TO: City Clerks
Members of City Councils

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

**Consolidation of Municipal Elections with
Established County Election Dates**

A number of cities in Los Angeles County are considering changing their City's municipal election dates to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of even-numbered years.

City Councils are, of course, free to choose the date of their regularly scheduled municipal elections. However, if cities wish to consolidate with County-conducted elections, we recommend consideration of November in the odd-numbered years to coincide with the Uniform District Election Law (UDEL) date when 13 of the 88 Cities in the County consolidate elections. The reasons for this recommendation are included at the end of this letter.

Attempting to consolidate your election in March of the even-numbered years invites a host of problems and complications as detailed below:

- 1) It appears unlikely that the State Primary will be held in March of 2006. There are many indications that the State Legislature will move the Primary back to June in the non-presidential election years. Thus cities may move elections in anticipation of holding the election on the same date as the Gubernatorial Primary - and this may not transpire.
- 2) Due to the finite ballot capacity of the County's past and current voting systems (i.e. Votomatic punch card and InkaVote optical scan, respectively), the County has a long-standing policy of discouraging requests for consolidation of regular city elections with the Primary or General elections.
- 3) Even if the 2006 Primary Election remains in March and the Board of Supervisors were to approve your request for election consolidation, if the consolidation resulted in the ballot capacity being exceeded, cities would then

be in the position of having to conduct "concurrent" elections. Concurrent elections occur when two elections are held by two different jurisdictions on the same day, at the same voting locations, but with separate ballots that must be processed and tabulated at separate locations. In the recent past such concurrent elections have resulted with other cities due to ballot capacity issues or when filing deadlines for candidates/ballot measures were incompatible between jurisdictions. Needless to say, concurrent elections are confusing for both pollworkers and voters alike and are not cost effective.

In summary, we would like to accommodate any and all cities' desires to consolidate regular city elections with a County-conducted election. In light of the above issues, we hope City Councils will opt for consolidating on the first Tuesday of November in odd-numbered years. This election date is available to all cities and other jurisdictions for election consolidation with the County. The UDEL election date is stable and access to this ballot is guaranteed to the jurisdictions that wish to consolidate as there has never been a ballot capacity issue with regard to this date.

An additional incentive is the fact that official UDEL election results are typically finalized and reported to the participating jurisdictions approximately two weeks after the election. Final, official results from Primary and General elections are typically not available for 28 days, as these elections are countywide and involve all four million registered voters. For these major elections we must complete the official vote canvass for the entire County before reporting official results to any participating jurisdiction and the sheer volume of ballots requires considerably more time to complete and report the final tally.

If you have follow-up questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Deborah Wright, Executive Liaison Officer, at (562) 462-2716.



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CONNOR B. McCORMACK
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

February 17, 2004

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Conny B. McCormack
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk *cmk*

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE CHANGES (AB 1521)

New legislation (AB 1521) now allows cities to conduct their elections on any established election date. Several City Clerks have contacted our office, at the request of their Councilmembers, to inquire about changing municipal election dates from March of odd-numbered years to a date that coincides with County elections.

Attached is a memo sent to all cities outlining the alternatives for cities. Our strong recommendation to cities has been, and remains, that those who wish to consolidate with County elections consider the November odd year UDEL (Unified District Elections). As outlined in our memo, the November odd year election offers guaranteed access to cities as well as the potential for cost savings for those cities where school board or other jurisdictions conduct elections.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 462-2716.

c: David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer



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CONNY B. McCORMACK
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

April 1, 2004

TO: City Managers
Members of City Councils

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Consolidation of City Elections with Established County Election Dates

A number of cities have contacted our office regarding consolidation of city elections with established County election dates. Consolidation of City elections with the Statewide Primary or the Statewide General is not advisable (reasons delineated herein) and access **cannot be guaranteed**. Depending on how many races and measures are scheduled on those ballots, cities' consolidation requests may have to be rejected. This is due to the limited space available on any given ballot; there are only so many voting positions, and it is impossible to know until candidate filing is completed whether local races and/or measures will fit.

Therefore, changing your election date to coincide with one of those elections would likely place your city in the position of having to conduct a concurrent election. This has happened to the City of Santa Monica and was a regular occurrence for the City of Long Beach when the Statewide Primary was held in June on the same date as the City's runoff election.

Risks of Concurrent Elections

Concurrent elections occur when two elections are held by two different jurisdictions on the **same day**, at the **same voting locations**, but with **separate ballots**. The following risks are associated with concurrent elections:

- Voters are required to check in at two separate tables, sign separate rosters, and would probably vote using two different voting systems.
- The potential for error is very high, and includes the risk of co-mingled City/County ballots.
- Because voters are given their County ballot first, some jurisdictions report considerable voter "drop-off" for City elections held in this manner.

Apparently some voters do not want to stand in line and sign in a second time, and will leave the polling place before casting a City ballot.

- Concurrent elections are confusing and nonsensical for both pollworkers and voters.
- Concurrent elections are not cost effective

November Odd-Year Elections (UDEL)

However, there is a stable and guaranteed means by which our office can accommodate any and all cities' desires to consolidate regular city elections with a County-conducted election. This is possible due to the availability to consolidate with the Uniform District Election Law (UDEL), the first Tuesday of November in odd-numbered years. Consideration of this date should include the following facts:

- Currently, 13 of the 88 Cities in the County consolidate elections with the UDEL.
- The UDEL election date is stable and access to this ballot is guaranteed to the jurisdictions that wish to consolidate.
- There are many indications that the State Legislature may move the Statewide Primary Election back to June in the non-presidential election years. Cities that move elections in anticipation of holding the election on the same date as the Gubernatorial Primary may find themselves conducting the election independently in Gubernatorial years.
- Official UDEL election results are typically finalized and reported to the participating jurisdictions approximately two weeks after the election. Final, official results from Primary and General elections are typically not available for 28 days, as these elections are countywide and involve all four million registered voters. For these major elections we must complete the official vote canvass for the entire County before reporting official results to any participating jurisdiction and the sheer volume of ballots requires considerably more time to complete and report the final tally.

A letter detailing all of this information was sent to all City Clerks in Los Angeles County on February 2. If you have, please do not hesitate to contact me or Deborah Wright, Executive Liaison Officer, at (562) 462-2716.

c: City Clerks



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CONNY B. McCORMACK
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

May 11, 2004

TO: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

cmc/dmw

CONSOLIDATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS / CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

Overview / Summary

At its meeting of April 20, 2004, your Board considered a request from the City of Sierra Madre to consolidate its Municipal Election with the Statewide Primary in March of even-numbered years. This report is in response to your request for a review of the issues involved in consolidation of city elections in general, and further discussion between our Department and the City of Sierra Madre in particular.

RR/CC staff has met with the City of Sierra Madre regarding the complex issues involved in major-election consolidation. The City is considering a variety of other options to achieve their goals of cost saving and of relieving the City of the responsibility for conducting elections.

Finite ballot capacity continues to limit the County's ability to guarantee access to Primary and General election ballots. Future electronic voting will relieve the ballot capacity issue.

Background

Following passage of AB 1521 in 2003 (see *Attachment A*), several cities have asked about moving city election dates to coincide with regularly scheduled County elections. All cities have been advised that the date available and guaranteed for consolidation is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years under the Uniform District Election Law, or UDEL. Some cities can achieve cost savings (in comparison to conducting their

own elections) by consolidating with the UDEL, as they may share costs with school districts, college trustee boards, water boards, etc. However, whether or not cost savings can be realized depends on the total picture of jurisdictional boundaries.

Cities That Currently Consolidate

Attachment B shows how elections are conducted in each of the 88 cities in the County.

March Primary Election Consolidation

Only one city, Torrance, is consolidated with the March Statewide Primary Election in even-numbered years. Unlike the Sierra Madre request, this consolidation was not the result of a request by the City of Torrance. Torrance is a charter city and its regular municipal election was set by charter in 1974 on the first Tuesday of March in even-numbered years. Charter-established election dates can only be changed by a vote of the people; Torrance attempted to change to May of even-numbered years through a ballot measure in 1999 but the measure was defeated.

November General Election Consolidations

Five cities consolidate with the November General Election in even-numbered years, also the result of long-standing Charter provisions. One of these, the City of Santa Monica, was forced to conduct a concurrent election due to ballot capacity measures during one election cycle.

UDEL Consolidations

Eleven cities currently consolidate with the November odd-numbered year UDEL election. Several cities, including Bradbury (D-5), Commerce (D-1), Santa Clarita (D-5), and Santa Fe Springs (D-1), are in the process of considering moving city election dates to coincide with the UDEL.

Board Policy

Since 1981, your Board has consistently applied a policy of denying requests for consolidation with Primary and General Elections due to the limited number of ballot positions and the risk of forcing concurrent elections. The change from punch card ballots to InkaVote optical scan ballots did not change the ballot size limitations. The InkaVote ballot has exactly the same number of available positions as the punch card.

Issues Regarding Primary and General Election Consolidations

Ballot Capacity and the Risk of Concurrent Elections

Until Los Angeles County is able to conduct electronic voting Countywide, the issue of ballot capacity will continue to limit the number of races and candidates that can be accommodated in any given ballot style. When ballot capacity is exceeded, and a City has been authorized to call its election on a Countywide election date, the City must conduct its own election on the same date as the County's. This is called a concurrent election. This occurs because the conditions forcing a concurrent election are not known until too late in the process for the City to change its election date. (That is, the election has been called, candidates and measures have been filed, and the final date for changes has passed when it is discovered that there are too many contests to fit on a consolidated County ballot.)

A concurrent process raises the following issues:

- Voters are required to check in at two separate tables, sign separate rosters, and under current conditions would vote using two different voting systems – one for the County election and one for the City election.
- The potential for error is very high, and includes the risk of co-mingled City/County ballots.
- Because voters are given their County ballot first, some jurisdictions report considerable voter "drop-off" for City elections held in this manner. Some voters become impatient or understandably confused or upset and do not want to stand in line and sign in a second time, and leave the polling place before casting a City ballot.
- Concurrent elections are confusing and nonsensical for both pollworkers and voters.
- Concurrent elections are not cost effective

Additional considerations include:

- State law prohibits precinct consolidation for Primary and General elections. Cities are not bound by this mandate. Therefore, in concurrent elections, cities are paying additional costs for polling locations and pollworkers that they would not expend if they were conducting an independent election with consolidated voting precincts.
- Because of the thousands of voting locations in a Countywide election, we begin selecting polling places and pollworkers months in advance of a major election. The conditions which force a concurrent election are not known until the close of candidate filing and receipt of all ballot measures. This timing

conflict can result in polling places that are too small to accommodate the additional staff and supplies required in a concurrent election.

Effect on Voter Turnout

- Cities sometimes assume that placing their candidates and measures on a countywide ballot will increase voter turnout for their races. However, City candidates and measures always appear at or near the end of County ballots. A lengthy ballot invites voter fatigue and often produces a higher undervote (no vote) rate for the contests appearing at the end. Therefore it cannot be assumed that consolidation with a major election has a positive effect on local turnout.

Coordination Issues

Absentee Voting

- With concurrent elections, two elections are conducted separately. Voters receive two sample ballots and those wishing to vote by mail must apply separately to the County and to the City for absentee ballots. When this occurred in Long Beach and other cities holding concurrent elections in the past, voters were confused. Despite the mutual exchange of absent voter lists between City and County, the risk of some voters failing to receive one of the two absentee ballots is increased.

In past concurrent elections, it was not uncommon for voters to place both City and County absentee ballots in one envelope. Because the County canvass process is twice as long as the City's, some voted absentee ballots were not discovered by the County until the City's canvass was complete

Election Results

- Cities typically finish election night ballot counting much earlier in the evening than does the County, due to smaller volume. In concurrent elections, cities must wait for all City precincts to report to County check-in centers. This often leads to lengthening the election night process for cities by several hours.
- For the Long Beach concurrent elections, both City and County assigned staff to one another's central counting facility to retrieve misplaced ballots

Future Consolidation Possibilities

We anticipate that with the that many cities will desire to consolidate elections with the County once an electronic voting system is implemented Countywide as

1) there are no ballot capacity issues with electronic voting systems and 2) cities could then avoid the more complex election administration involved in conducting this type of election themselves. While the move to electronic voting is currently on hold due to the instability and uncertainty surrounding the future of electronic voting in California, our planning has always included the needs of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County. We have held numerous discussions with cities about these possibilities, and most City Clerks concur that they would be interested in offering their City Councils the option of consolidation when ballot capacity issues are resolved by the virtually unlimited capacity of electronic voting.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The continued issue of limited ballot capacity of paper-based voting systems means that consolidation of city elections with major County elections continues to pose a high risk of concurrent elections, the most difficult of elections to conduct without unacceptable rates of error. It is recommended that the Board continue its policy of denying cities' requests for consolidation with Primary and General elections until such time as electronic voting equipment makes these consolidations practical and enables us to offer this option equally to all cities within Los Angeles County.

Attachment A: AB 1521

Attachment B: City Election Schedules – Los Angeles County

c: Judy Whitehurst, County Counsel

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1301 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

1301. (a) Except as required by Section 57379 of the Government Code, and except as provided in subdivision (b), a general municipal election shall be held on an established election date pursuant to Section 1000.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a city council may enact an ordinance, pursuant to Division 10 (commencing with Section 10000), requiring its general municipal election to be held on the same day as the statewide direct primary election, the day of the statewide general election, or on the day of school district elections as set forth in Section 1302. Any ordinance adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall become operative upon approval by the board of supervisors.

(2) In the event of consolidation, the general municipal election shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable procedural requirements of this code pertaining to that primary, general, or school district election, and shall thereafter occur in consolidation with that election.

(c) If a city adopts an ordinance described in subdivision (b), the municipal election following the adoption of the ordinance and each municipal election thereafter shall be conducted on the date specified by the city council, in accordance with subdivision (b), unless the ordinance in question is later repealed by the city council.

(d) If the date of a general municipal election is changed pursuant to subdivision (b), at least one election shall be held before the ordinance, as approved by the board of supervisors, may be subsequently repealed or amended.

SEC. 2. Section 1500 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 1500 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

1500. The established mailed ballot election dates are as follows:

(a) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year.

(b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each even-numbered year.

(c) The last Tuesday in August of each year.

SEC. 4. Section 1501 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 5. Section 1502 of the Elections Code is repealed.

SEC. 6. Section 4000 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

4000. A local, special, or consolidated election may be conducted wholly by mail provided that all of the following conditions apply:

(a) The governing body of the local agency authorizes the use of mailed ballots for the election.

(b) The election is held on an established mailed ballot election date pursuant to Section 1500.

(c) The election is one of the following:

(1) An election in which no more than 1,000 registered voters are eligible to participate.

(2) A maximum property tax rate election as provided for in Section 2287 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(3) An election on a measure or measures restricted to (A) the imposition of special taxes, or (B) expenditure limitation overrides,

or (C) both (A) and (B), in a city, county, or special district with 5,000 or less registered voters calculated as of the time of the last report of registration by the county elections official to the Secretary of State.

(4) An election on the issuance of a general obligation water bond in accordance with Section 12944.5 of the Water Code.

(5) An election of the Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District as authorized in Section 122 of Chapter 527 of the Statutes of 1977, known as the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Law.

(6) An election of the Aliso Water Management Agency, or its affected member agencies, pursuant to Sections 13416 and 13417 of the Water Code.

(7) An election of the San Jacinto Mountain Area Water Study Agency pursuant to Sections 13416 and 13417 of the Water Code.

(8) An election of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District pursuant to Sections 13416 and 13417 of the Water Code.

(9) An election or assessment ballot proceeding required or authorized by Article XIII C or XIII D of the California Constitution. However, when an assessment ballot proceeding is conducted by mail pursuant to this section, the following rules apply:

(A) The proceeding shall be denominated an "assessment ballot proceeding" rather than an election.

(B) Ballots shall be denominated "assessment ballots."

SEC. 7. Section 13113 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

13113. (a) In the case of an election of candidates in a special district, school district, charter city (whose charter does not provide to the contrary), or other local government body, occurring on other than one of the four major election dates specified in subdivision (b) of Section 13112, the official responsible for conducting the election shall, at the same time that the election is called, notify the Secretary of State by registered mail of the date of the election, the date of the close of filing, and the last possible date for filing in the event there is an extension of filing due to an incumbent failing to file. The Secretary of State shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing on the first weekday following the last possible day of filing for an election according to subdivision (a) of Section 13112.

(b) Except as provided for runoff elections in subdivision (d), if two or more drawings for local government elections would occur on the same date, the Secretary of State may use a single randomized alphabet drawing for all of these elections. The Secretary of State shall communicate the results of the drawing by registered mail to each respective official responsible for conducting the election who shall use it to determine the order on the ballot of all candidates' names.

(c) All drawings held pursuant to this section shall be open to the public.

(d) If two randomized alphabets are drawn for the same election, the results of the second randomized alphabet drawing may be clearly set apart from the first and, if set apart, labeled "FOR USE IN A RUNOFF ELECTION ONLY."

SEC. 8. Section 13113 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

13113. (a) In the case of an election of candidates in a special district, school district, charter city (whose charter does not provide to the contrary), or other local government body, occurring on other than one of the election dates specified in subdivision (b) of Section 13112, the official responsible for conducting the election shall, at the same time that the election is called, notify

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SEC. 9. Section 8 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 13113 of the Elections Code proposed by both this bill and SB 1024. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2004, (2) each bill amends Section 13113 of the Elections Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 1024, in which case Section 7 of this bill shall not become operative.

BILL NUMBER: AB 1521 CHAPTERED
BILL TEXT

CHAPTER 824
FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OCTOBER 11, 2003
APPROVED BY GOVERNOR OCTOBER 10, 2003
PASSED THE ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 12, 2003
PASSED THE SENATE SEPTEMBER 11, 2003
AMENDED IN SENATE SEPTEMBER 8, 2003
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 2, 2003
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 2, 2003

INTRODUCED BY Assembly Members Parra and Pacheco

FEBRUARY 21, 2003

An act to amend Sections 1301, 4000, and 13113 of, to repeal Sections 1501 and 1502 of, and to repeal and add Section 1500 of, the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1521, Parra. Elections: municipal elections.

(1) Existing law requires, with certain exceptions, a general municipal election to be held on the 2nd Tuesday in April of even-numbered years or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd-numbered years.

This bill, instead, would require a general municipal election to be held on any established election date or on the 2nd Tuesday of April in each odd-numbered year.

(2) Existing law provides that several types of elections may be held wholly by mail, with certain conditions, including, but not limited to, the condition that the election does not occur on the same date as a statewide direct primary election or statewide general election.

This bill would, instead, provide that an election held wholly by mail must be held on an established mailed ballot election date as established by this bill.

(3) Existing law provides that the order of candidates' names on the ballot of a special district, school district, charter city, or other local government body election, occurring on other than one of the 4 major election dates is determined by a special randomized alphabet drawing conducted by the Secretary of State, with certain requirements.

This bill would authorize the randomized alphabet drawn for purposes of the first election held by a charter city that holds 2 elections in the same 12-month period which occur on other than one of the 4 major election dates, to be used for both of those elections if the 2nd election within that 12-month period does not have a close of filing deadline. The bill would also provide that if 2 randomized alphabets are drawn for the same election, that the results of the second randomized alphabet drawing may be clearly set apart from the first labeled "FOR USE IN A RUNOFF ELECTION ONLY."

(4) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 13113 of the Elections Code proposed by SB 1024 that would become operative only if SB 1024 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2004, and this bill is chaptered last.

City Election Schedules – Los Angeles County

Supervisory District indicated in parenthesis following each city.

Independent Elections Conducted By City Clerks

Odd-Numbered Years: First Tuesday After the First Monday in March

Artesia (4)	Cerritos (4) (c)	Huntington Park (1)	Monrovia (5)	Rosemead (1)	Temple City (c) (5)
Azusa (1)	Claremont (5)	Industry (c) (1)	Monterey Park (1)	San Dimas (5)	West Hollywood (3)
Bell (1)	Commerce (1)	La Canada Flintridge (5)	Norwalk (4)	San Fernando (3)	
Bellflower (4)	Covina (5)	La Habra Heights (4)	Palos Verdes Estates (4)	San Gabriel (1) (5)	
Bell Gardens (1)	Cudahy (1)	Lakewood (4)	Paramount (4)	San Marino (5)	
Beverly Hills (3)	Gardena (2)	La Mirada (4)	Pico Rivera (1) (4)	Signal Hill (c) (4)	
Calabasas (3)	Glendora (5)	La Verne (5)	Redondo Beach (c) (4)	South Gate (1)	
Carson (2)	Hidden Hills (3)	Manhattan Beach (4)	Rolling Hills (4)	South Pasadena (5)	

Even-Numbered Years: Second Tuesday in April of each even numbered year

Arcadia (c) (5)	Culver City (c) (2)	Lawndale (2)	Santa Clarita (5)	Vernon (c) (1)	Whittier (c) (4)
Avalon (4)	El Segundo (4)	Long Beach (c) (4)	<i>(Runoff election is held 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in June.)</i>		
Bradbury (5)	Lancaster (5)	Malibu (3)	Sierra Madre (5)		

Odd Numbered Years: Various Dates

Burbank (c) (5)	Last Tuesday in February and runoff on 2 nd Tuesday in April				
Compton (c) (2)	3 rd Tuesday in April and runoff on 1 st Tuesday in June				
Glendale (c) (5)	1 st Tuesday in April				
Inglewood (c) (2)	1 st Tuesday in April. If runoff is necessary, election to be held not more than 70 days after primary.				
Lomita (4)	NOTE: Mayoral election is held on 1 st Tuesday after 1 st Monday in November of the even-numbered year				
Los Angeles (c)(1)(5)	1 st Tuesday After the 1 st Monday in November				
Pasadena (c) (5)	2 nd Tuesday in March. If runoff is necessary, election to be held on 1 st Tuesday after 1 st Monday in May				
Westlake Village (3)	6 th Tuesday preceding general municipal which is held on 3 rd Tuesday in April				
	1 st Tuesday After the 1 st Monday in November				

Cities That Consolidate Elections with Los Angeles County

Odd-Numbered Years: First Tuesday After the First Monday in November

Agoura Hills (3)	El Monte (1) (5)	Inwindale (c) (1)	Montebello (1)	Santa Fe Springs (1)
Diamond Bar (4)	Hawaiian Gardens (4)	La Puente (1)	Palmdale (5)	South El Monte (1)
Duarte (5)	Hawthorne (2)	Lynwood (2)	Rancho Palos Verdes (4)	Walnut (5)
Baldwin Park (1)	Hermosa Beach (4)	Maywood (1)	Rolling Hills Estates (4)	West Covina (5)

Even-Numbered Years: First Tuesday after the First Monday in March:

Torrance (c) (4)

Even-Numbered Years: First Tuesday After the First Monday in November

Alhambra (c) (5)	Downey (c) (4)	Inglewood (c) (Mayoral) (2)	Pomona (c) (1)	Santa Monica (c) (3)
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(c) Indicates Charter City



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CONNY B. McCORMACK
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

June 15, 2004

TO: City Clerks

FROM: Deborah Wright, Executive Liaison Officer

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "DW", written over the name "Deborah Wright".

CHANGING MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES

Today the Board of Supervisors rejected the City of Irwindale's ordinance changing its election date to March of even-numbered years. Their election would have coincided with the statewide Primary Election; Irwindale's City Council wished to hold a concurrent election, NOT a consolidation.

We are advising you of this Board action because we continue to hear from City Clerks whose Councilmembers wish to change municipal election dates. Please remind your City Councils that ordinances changing *city* election dates are *NOT effective until and unless the Board of Supervisors approves the change*. Attached is our most recent report to the Board of Supervisors recommending that the current policy of DENYING requests to change to March or November of even-numbered years.

November Odd Year is Available

The first Tuesday in November of ODD YEARS is open and available to any city whose Council wishes to consolidate with County elections. The Board of Supervisors WILL APPROVE election date changes to November of odd years.

Concurrent Elections

Requests for consolidation with even-numbered year major elections are rejected for two reasons: lack of ballot space to accommodate all cities fairly, and the risk of forcing concurrent elections. Concurrent elections are the worst of all possible election worlds. Some reasons include:

- Voters will NOT know there are two separate elections, even though both the County and the City will send sample ballots.

- Voters who wish to vote by mail must apply to two different jurisdictions. This contradicts voter education efforts that stress, "You may only vote once."
- Voters are confused about what to do with absentee ballots. They will attempt to return ballots to the wrong jurisdiction, they will put both ballots in one envelope (which will not be discovered until the envelope is opened), and they will sometimes switch envelopes so that both jurisdictions receive an incorrect ballot.
- At the polls, some voters will refuse to stand in line a second time to vote the city's ballot.

If you have any questions, please call me at (562) 462-2877 or email dwright@rrcc.co.la.ca.us.

Attachments: 5/11/2004 Consolidation of Municipal Elections/Sierra Madre City Election Schedules – Los Angeles County



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CONNOR B. McCORMACK
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March 15, 2005

Ms. Regina Rossall
Superintendent
Westside Union School District
46809 N. 70th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536

Dear Ms. Rossall:

This letter is sent in response to the letter you faxed to us yesterday responding to our letter of March 11th in which we provided a cost estimate if your District were to hold elections in November of even-numbered years (previous correspondence attached). When you originally called the accounting section of our office in January 2006 to request this cost estimate, our department's Executive Liaison Officer Deborah Wright followed up by telephoning your office on several occasions in an attempt to discuss the issues involved with election consolidations. However, her voice mail messages requesting a return call were not answered. When the item appeared on the March 1, 2005 agenda of the Board of Supervisors it was a surprise to us and apparently also to the staff of District 5 Supervisor Michael Antonovich as they have indicated to us that they had not discussed this matter with you or a representative of your District.

Board of Supervisors' Policy Regarding Consolidating Elections

In your March 14th letter you stated that you "understand that our department has taken a position to oppose this request by the District." For clarification, please note that it is a long-standing policy of the Board of Supervisors to deny requests from cities and school districts to consolidate their elections with statewide Primary and General elections in even-numbered years. This is due to the finite ballot capacity of the County's past and current voting systems (i.e. Votomatic punch card and InkaVote optical scan systems, respectively). Because these systems have limited space for election contests and ballot propositions and because statewide election ballots are so long and complex, allowing other jurisdictions to consolidate on either of those dates invites the very real probability that there would be insufficient space on the ballot to accommodate all the election contests from numerous requesting jurisdictions. The recommendation has consistently recognized that with 88 cities and 85 school districts in the County, the November odd-year election cycle guarantees sufficient ballot space for all jurisdictions as statewide races are not scheduled on that date. Please note that there are currently no Los Angeles County school districts that consolidate with the November even-year General Elections.

Cost Estimate Questions

The questions you posed in your letter about the cost estimate, and our responses, follow.

1. Is the higher cost a result of greater participation by the voters?

2. Is the higher cost a result of fewer agencies participating in sharing the cost?

The number of agencies participating in November even-year elections is quite constant.

3. Did your analysis trend the cost over a period of years, or just for the most recent year?

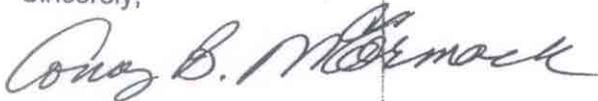
Election costs, for supplies and labor, consistently rise from one election to the next. The 2002 re-districting of various jurisdictional boundary lines caused the formation of a record number of distinct ballot styles/combinations which drove up ballot printing costs significantly. Therefore, prior year costs are not a viable factor when preparing cost estimates.

4. Based on the response from the City of Downey, how do you accurately project the cost of an election? What caused this estimate to be so far off your projection?

One of the key factors in the disparity was the fact that the number of registered voters for the City of Downey increased by more than 37% from January until November 2004. A major factor in our estimated cost is the number of registered voters in a jurisdiction. Additionally, the costs in the category "Election Material Processing" increased exponentially primarily due to the labor-intensive processing of a significantly higher number of provisional ballots. Our office, and indeed Registrars' offices statewide, experienced a record-shattering number of provisional ballots cast in the 2004 elections. This trend is expected to continue into the future.

We learned late yesterday that the Board item requesting change in your election date is expected to be postponed until the March 22 meeting of the Board of Supervisors in order to provide additional time to discuss this issue with you prior to the Board meeting. We would like to invite your participation in a conference call with our office along with representatives from Supervisor District 5 and County Counsel during this week. Deborah Wright will call you today to determine a time that will be convenient for all parties and which will provide an opportunity for all aspects of this complex issue to be explored. I look forward to this exchange of information.

Sincerely,



Conny B. McCormack
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

c: Leida Erickson, deputy, District 5
Norm Hickling, deputy, District 5
Judy Whitehurst, Principal Deputy County Counsel

Attachments



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Dear Ms. McCormack

Thank you for the response that I received by fax on Friday afternoon. Unfortunately, the timing of your response doesn't leave adequate time for questions that occur from your estimate of costs prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow. Though this estimate was requested on January 6, 2005, I was pleased to get it before the meeting.

You are correct that the District has been required by the Los Angeles County Office of Education to take a number of cost cutting measures in order to get our budget back in statutory balance. Not having an election this year, would postpone the entire election expense for one year. In addition, the Board is concerned with community participation which is traditionally much lower in odd numbered year elections compared to the general election in even numbered years. The questions that I have about your estimate which is not possible to tell from the information you provided are as follows:

1. Is the higher cost a result of greater participation by the voters?
2. Is the higher cost a result of fewer agencies participating in sharing the cost?
3. Did your analysis trend the cost over a period of years, or just for the most recent year?
4. Based on the response from the City of Downey, how do you accurately project the cost of an election? Being 71% over your estimate should be a concern to your office as to the reliability of the figures provided. What caused this estimate to be so far off your projection?

So that we can accurately give testimony to the Board of Supervisors tomorrow, I would appreciate a speedy response to these questions.

Again, thank you for taking the time to get the estimate to me. I must again emphasize that it would have been helpful had it been provided in a more timely manner. I do understand that your Office has taken a position to oppose this request by the District, and that you did so when it was previously scheduled on March 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

Regina L. Rossall
Superintendent

cc: Norm Hickling, Deputy to Supervisor Mike D. Antonovich
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March 11, 2005

Ms. Regina Rossall
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Dear Ms. Rossall:

At your request, our staff prepared cost estimates for the School District for the upcoming November 2, 2005 Unified District Elections (UDEL) in which Westside Union School District trustees are elected. We understand that the School District has asked the Board of Supervisors to approve a change in the District's election date to the General Election held in November of even-numbered years. Staff also prepared a cost analysis of the District's estimated costs were that change to be approved.

The cost estimates are:

UDEL (November 2005)	\$55,000
General Election (November 2006)	\$70,000

With the election cycle just completed (November 2004) we have experienced increased costs in the even-numbered years. Although it is the Board of Supervisors' policy to deny requests for consolidation of other jurisdictions' elections with even-numbered year Primary and General Elections, there are a few pre-existing consolidations with those elections. One such consolidation is the City of Downey, whose Municipal Election was consolidated with the November 2004 General Election. We have attached a copy of a March 8, 2005 letter from the City Clerk of Downey expressing the City's dismay at the increased costs of that election.

It has been our understanding that one of the School District's reasons for considering a change in election date is the desire to spend less on this function. Unfortunately, it appears that a move to even-numbered year elections would move the District in the opposite direction; that is, it is likely that elections would cost the District more rather than less if consolidated with the even-numbered year General Election.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Conny B. McCormack
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Enclosure: March 8, 2005 letter from Downey City Clerk

c: Leida Erickson, Deputy to Supervisor Mike D. Antonovich



City of Downey

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March 8, 2005

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RE: General Municipal Election - November 2, 2004

Dear Ms. Connors:

I am in receipt of your invoice # 2005-K - Customer # 1021, received February 23, 2005 for the City of Downey consolidated General Municipal Election which was held on November 2, 2004. The total amount due is stated as: \$76,044.07.

Prior to the election, as part of the planning/budgeting process, I requested and received an estimate of cost from your department in the amount of \$54,000. Although I realize this was only an estimate, the amount billed is approximately 71% over the estimated amount.

When reviewing the changes line by line compared to our last General Municipal Election in November, 2002, the following items seem to have soared:

	<u>November, 2002</u>	<u>November, 2004</u>
Securing Boards	\$ 4,074.	\$10,282.
Ballot Material Processing	1,898.	6,502.
Election Day Costs	2,589.	13,965.
Election Preparation	5,844.	12,827.

I realize that the costs should be slightly more than November, 2002 due to the additional District Five (city-wide) seat, but the last District Five seat election in November, 2000 was only \$44,000; and November, 2002 (2 seats) was \$41,000. While an increase was expected, it was expected and budgeted for the estimated amount of \$54,000.

I would appreciate a justification on these line items that I can pass on to the City Council prior to their approval of this bill, or in the alternative, an adjustment to the invoiced amount.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen L. Midstokke, CMC
City Clerk

cc: Conny McCormick, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Roy Paule, Section Head, Financial Services
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2004 CITIES REQUESTING ELECTION DATE CHANGES

Jurisdiction	Proposed Election Date Change	Resolution Received	BOS Agenda	Board Approved	Board Denied	File Pending
City of Baldwin Park	1 st Tuesday of March of even numbered years.	7/26/04	8/10/04	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Baldwin Park@	1 st Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years.	9/21/04	10/5/04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Cudahy	1 st Tuesday after the First Monday of March in even numbered years.	7/7/04	7/20/04	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of El Monte	1 st Tuesday after the First Monday in November of odd numbered years.	7/15/04	8/3/04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Industry	1 st Tuesday after the First Monday in June of odd numbered years.	9/21/04	10/5/04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Irwindale	1 st Tuesday of March of even numbered years.	6/2/04	6/15/04	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Irwindale@	1 st Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years.	10/12/04	11/9/04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of La Puente	1 st Tuesday after the First Monday in November of odd numbered years.	7/15/04	8/3/04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Maywood	1 st Tuesday after the First Monday in November of odd-numbered years.	7/30/04	8/17/04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Sante Fe Springs	1 st Tuesday after the First Monday in November of odd-numbered years.	6/9/04	6/15/04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Jurisdiction	Proposed Election Date Change	Resolution Received	BOS Agenda	Board Approved	Board Denied	File Pending
City of Sierra Madre †	1 st Tuesday of March of even numbered years.	2/20/04	4/20/04	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City of South El Monte ^	1 st Tuesday after the First Monday in November of odd-numbered years.	8/6/04	9/7/04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of West Covina*	1 st Tuesday after the First Monday in November of odd-numbered years.	11/24/04	12/14/04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

† File will continue to be under review until further action is taken.
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Westside Union School	1 st Tuesday after the first Monday of November in even numbered years.	2/22/05	3/15/05	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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