

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

AGN. NO.
September 16, 2025

Preparations for the November 4th Statewide Special Election

In direct response to the unprecedented partisan redistricting plans passed by the State of Texas and those currently being considered by other states, the State of California (State) moved expeditiously to craft a package of bills (SB 280, AB 604, and ACA 8) to counter these efforts. The State Legislature subsequently passed all three bills, and on August 21, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the legislation into law and called for a Statewide Special Election on November 4, 2025.

As the largest local election jurisdiction in the nation, successfully administering any statewide election is always a massive effort for the County of Los Angeles (County). This is true even for the regularly scheduled elections run in this County. The challenges are exacerbated by the unplanned nature of this election, including the incredibly compressed timeframe in which to prepare for it. For context, our Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC), typically begins various pre-planning activities for a statewide election as much as one year out, with the bulk of preparations beginning at least six to nine months in advance.

This election was called just 75 days before Election Day, which translates to 65 days before vote centers open and 45 days before vote by mail ballots must be in the mail to all voters in the County. The list of tasks that must be completed is enormous.

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While this is a short list, the RR/CC must ensure that temporary staff are onboarded, ballots are printed/mailed, supplies are ordered, systems are tested/secured, drop boxes are installed, vote centers are assessed/secured, election workers are recruited/trained, vehicles are procured, vendors are prepared, and voters are notified.

While we have tremendous confidence in our RR/CC to be able to prepare for and administer this important Statewide Special Election, we need to be sure that we have awareness and a good understanding of the status of their efforts. This should also include any challenges they are facing to ensure that the County provides the RR/CC the necessary support to be successful.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to report back to the Board at the Board meeting on October 7, 2025, on the status of its preparations for the November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Election. The report can address other elements but should specifically include the status of the following: State funding, vote by mail ballots, drop boxes, vote centers, election workers, voter education, and outreach.

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