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March 17, 2026

**Preparing for Potential Disruptions in Upcoming Local Elections**

The 2026 General Election scheduled for November 3, 2026 includes hundreds of contested races which will determine control of Congress, the Governor of California, and numerous other local initiatives. These elections will have a significant impact on future federal and local policy, eliciting fears and threats of election disruptions. Further, the federal government has hinted at the possibility of significant changes to voting and elections systems leading up to these elections. In response to these concerns, many jurisdictions have begun to prepare for the possibility of election interference, including from the federal government.

As it prepares for the June 2, 2026 primary and the November 3, 2026 general elections, Los Angeles County must be prepared to respond to any and all incidences that could impede the County’s ability to carry out its elections. This could include the seizing of ballots by the FBI, as was the case earlier this year in Fulton County, Georgia. The County must also be prepared to respond to the threat of federal agents at or near voting locations during the voting period and ensure that their presence does not interfere with residents’ ability to cast their ballots. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) must also have contingency plans to respond accordingly should the

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SAVE Act or new election-related executive orders come into effect.

Free and fair elections are a cornerstone of democracy, and it is the County's responsibility to administer elections with integrity, ensuring that all eligible voters have access to the ballot box. It is critical that we protect the sanctity of our democracy by safeguarding our elections and the right of our residents to make their voices heard through the voting process.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office, Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) Office to send 5-signature letters to the California State Attorney General Rob Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber conveying support for continued statewide coordination to safeguard the administration, integrity, and security of the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election and November 3, 2026, General Election, and expressing Los Angeles County's commitment to collaborate with state partners and request ongoing coordination, information-sharing, and support.
2. Direct the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) to report back in writing in 30 days on preparation, security readiness, and high-level planning considerations for the 2026 election cycle, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Continuity of operations planning, incident response protocols, and contingency plans for potential election disruptions and/or voting interference, including training and support for community and County

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Employee Election Workers, and intergovernmental and inter-agency coordination to facilitate and support the voting, ballot processing, and election certification activities;

- b. Voter outreach and education plans, including in-language outreach and support for limited English-speaking voters, specifically addressing voting options, voting rights, and resources available to ensure voting access, election security, and dis/misinformation; and
- c. Physical security measures, cybersecurity safeguards, and resource allocation in support of these efforts for the 2026 election cycle.

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