



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

June 09, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF NETAPP AFF A90 STORAGE SYSTEM FOR THE
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
(FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) seeks Board approval to purchase a new NetApp All Flash Fabric Attached A90 storage system (System) to process and retain digital images of ballots during each election. The System will replace the current NetApp 2750 storage system, which is over eight (8) years old and due for end-of-life replacement. The new system will be installed and configured by a certified installation company. It will also include a four-year technical service and support warranty.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of the System, with a total estimated cost of \$400,000. This will include a four (4)-year technical support term.
2. Delegate authority to the RR/CC or designee to execute documents, agreements or amendments associated with the acceptance and use of the System at the Department, with County Counsel to approve as to form.
3. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

RR/CC currently uses the NetApp 2750 storage system to store images of ballots processed during each election. However, the NetApp 2750 storage system is in the late stages of its product lifecycle. The NetApp 2750 storage system is no longer sold by the manufacturer, it no longer receives new software feature development or long-term vendor support, and parts availability have become increasingly constrained. As the current system continues to age, it has become more difficult and costly to maintain, and service times may increase due to potential difficulties in sourcing replacement parts. The NetApp 2750 storage system's legacy architecture also limits performance, scalability, and compatibility with newer storage and security features available on newer system platform. By contrast, the System has stronger security features, including protection against ransomware, extra sign-in security, activity tracking, and tools that help meet security and compliance requirements.

Additionally, over the last eight (8) years, the County's VSAP Tally System has become increasingly complex and now requires more scanners to support the required scale and speed of ballot processing. As a result, the NetApp 2750 storage system is no longer adequate to meet current operational demands, creating bottlenecks during peak election activity and elevating operational risk.

Based on the foregoing, the RR/CC is recommending purchase of the new System. Purchasing the System and replacing the NetApp 2750 storage system will directly support the County's obligation to conduct accurate, timely, and secure elections. Key benefits of the System include:

- Enhanced Cybersecurity – Latest software updates that will improve cybersecurity and compliance risks.
- Significantly Improved Performance – All flash architecture will enable substantially faster read/write operations, improve ballot generation, tally image processing, ballot review, and election results reporting timelines.
- Enhanced System Stability and Reliability - Modern hardware and redundancy features will reduce failure risks and improve overall System availability during elections.
- Increased Data Transfer Efficiency - High-speed data movement will support faster data loading, replication, backup, and disaster recovery operations.
- Long-Term Vendor Support - The System will include ongoing manufacturer support, firmware updates, and security enhancements.
- Scalability and Future Readiness - The System will support future growth in ballot volumes, data retention requirements, and System modernization initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The RR/CC is requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve the solicitation and acquisition of the System, including the corresponding installation and support contract (4-year) during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 budget, with an amount not to exceed \$400,000. This amount was budgeted within the RR/CC's existing Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Adopted Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This request complies with the County Equipment Policy that your Board approved on October 16, 2001. This policy requires that departments obtain Board approval to purchase equipment with a cost of \$250,000 or greater, prior to submitting the requisition to ISD.

The proposed actions to solicit and acquire a replacement System for the RR/CC are exempt from

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the CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).

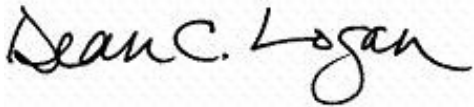
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

N/A

CONCLUSION

The System will ensure ballot images are stored safely and securely for RR/CC conducted elections. The RR/CC respectfully recommends the acquisition of the System through ISD as the County Purchasing Agent, together with technical service and support warranty for the System, and System installation and configuration services to be performed by a certified installation company.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean C. Logan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "L" at the end.

DEAN C. LOGAN

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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