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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

Item Number: 3.2

MEETING DATE: 11/18/2025

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/ELECTIONS

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Francisco Diaz

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SUBJECT:

COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - F. DIAZ

- 1) Receive and file the Certificate of Sufficiency from the Registrar of Voters for the petition to recall County Supervisor, District 5, Ignacio Velazquez; and
- 2) Adopt Resolution to call a special recall election, select the date of the special election to be held not less than 88 days nor more than 125 days following the date of the order, and authorize the Chair to sign; or
- 3) Take no action at the meeting of November 18, 2025 and for the 14 days following receipt of the Certificate of Sufficiency, thereby enabling the Registrar of Voters to issue the election order and to consolidate the recall election with the June 2, 2026, Gubernatorial Primary Election.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 285

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-98

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Elections Code section 11227, the Registrar of Voters hereby submits the Certificate of Sufficiency for the Petition to Recall District 5 County Supervisor Ignacio Velazquez to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors merely receives the certificate and takes no action.

Once the Certificate of Sufficiency is received, the Board of Supervisors is required to undertake one of the following actions upon receipt of this Certificate:

1. Adopt a Resolution to call a special recall election, select the date of the special election to be held

not less than 88 days nor more than 125 days following the date of the order, and authorize the Chair to sign; or

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Overview of the California Recall Process

The California recall process serves as a mechanism enabling voters to seek the removal of an elected official prior to the expiration of their term. This procedure is formally initiated by filing a Notice of Intention to Recall.

Following the approval of the petition's format, the document is circulated for signature collection, and the signatures are subsequently verified by the County Elections Office. If the number of verified valid signatures meets the required legal threshold, the Board of Supervisors is legally mandated to call an election within the prescribed statutory timeframes; otherwise, the Registrar of Voters will issue the election order.

Timeline and Milestones for Current Recall Qualification

The following timeline outlines the key steps and milestones achieved during the recall process leading to qualification:

- June 9, 2025: Notice of Intention Submitted. Proponents submitted the Notice to Circulate Petitions to recall Supervisor Velazquez. This notice was signed by the requisite number of qualified voters, allowing the process to proceed under Elections Code §11020.
- July 1, 2025: Petition Approved. After the submission and review of several drafts, the recall petition was officially approved for signature gathering.
- Required Threshold: Signature Requirement. To qualify the recall, at least 25% of registered voters in District 5 were required, equating to 1,833 valid signatures.
- September 22, 2025: Signatures Submitted. The County Elections Office received a total of 2,256 raw signatures across 317 petition sections.
- October 29, 2025: Verification of Signatures. Pursuant to Elections Code §11244, a thorough verification process was conducted, confirming 1,842 valid signatures, which successfully meets the required threshold.

Special Recall Election Consolidations

Mandatory Timeline and Dates

Pursuant to Elections Code section 11242, a special recall election must be scheduled not less than 88 days nor more than 125 days from the date the election is ordered. While Elections Code §1002 generally requires elections to be held on "established election dates," recall elections constitute a statutory exception and need not occur on an established date if doing so would violate the mandatory 88–125-day timeframe. All elections, however, must be held on a Tuesday (Elections Code §1001).

Based on the mandatory window, the Board of Supervisors has the following dates available for a standalone special election:

- February 17, 2026
- February 24, 2026
- March 3, 2026
- March 10, 2026

- March 17, 2026

Registrar of Voters Recommendation: If the Board elects to hold a special election, the Registrar of Voters recommends February 24, 2026 (the third Tuesday in February). This date is recommended to prevent interference with the administrative preparations for the June primary election and to ensure adequate availability of election staff support.

Estimated Cost of Standalone Special Election

The estimated cost for a standalone special election is between \$70,000 - \$80,000. This estimate does not account for potential additional overtime costs that may be required to coordinate two separate elections simultaneously.

Consolidation with June 2, 2026, Gubernatorial Primary Election

Elections Code section 11242(b) authorizes a recall election to be scheduled within 180 days for possible consolidation with a regular election.

Given the timing, the Elections Code does not permit the Board of Supervisors to issue an order consolidating the recall election with a regularly scheduled election. If the Board of Supervisors chooses not to act on November 18th and for the fourteen (14) days thereafter, Elections Code §11241 stipulates that the Registrar of Voters must, within five (5) days, set the date of the election. Should the Registrar of Voters issue the order by December 5, 2025, the resulting timeframe will allow for the consolidation of the recall election with June 2, 2026, Gubernatorial Primary Election.

Estimated Cost of Consolidated Election

The estimated cost of conducting the recall election consolidated with the Gubernatorial Primary Election is projected to cost between \$10,000 - \$15,000.

Registrar of Voters Recommendation: The Registrar of Voters recommends holding the recall election in conjunction with the statewide election on June 2, 2026. This option offers significant advantages in terms of improved efficiency, minimization of cost, and reduced administrative workload for election staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A standalone special election is estimated to cost between \$70,000 - \$80,000, excluding potential overtime costs due to concurrent preparation with the June 2026 Primary.

Consolidating the recall election with the June 2, 2026, Gubernatorial Primary Election is projected to cost between \$10,000 - \$15,000.

All election expenses will be covered by the General Fund. The Registrar of Voters may request a budget increase after the Board of Supervisors sets the date.

Preliminary administrative activities (processing, verification, meetings, printing, supplies, and agenda prep) have incurred costs of approximately \$4,700 to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Recall Special Election](#)

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