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**Agenda Item  
Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

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**Item Number: 1.15**

**MEETING DATE:** 12/16/2025

**DEPARTMENT:** COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/ELECTIONS

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Francisco Diaz

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Francisco Diaz

**SUBJECT:**

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

1. Adopt Resolution to approve the official report of the canvass and the certified statement of election results for the Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election; and
2. Authorize Chair to sign.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 285

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-107

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

In the state of California, the election certification process serves as a formal and crucial mechanism overseen jointly by county election officials and the California Secretary of State. Its primary purpose is to validate and authenticate election outcomes across the state, ensuring that elections are conducted with fairness, accuracy, and strict adherence to state laws and regulations.

**California's Election Certification**

- **Vote Counting:** Following the conclusion of polling on Election Day, ballots from various sources including polling stations, vote-by-mail, and provisional ballots are collected. County election officials then commence the meticulous process of counting these votes.
- **Tabulation and Reporting:** After all votes have been tallied, county election offices compile and

present the results. These results encompass not only tallies for individual candidates but also outcomes for ballot measures and propositions.

- **Auditing and Verification:** Prior to certification, the election results undergo comprehensive auditing and verification procedures to ensure utmost precision. This may entail manual recounts, post-election audits, and validation of signatures on vote-by-mail envelopes.
- **Certification by County Officials:** Each county's election officials are tasked with certifying their respective election results subsequent to completing all necessary audits and verifications.
- **State Certification:** Once county certifications are finalized, the California Secretary of State reviews the results from each county and officially certifies the statewide election outcomes. This typically occurs approximately a month following Election Day.
- **Legal Challenges:** Following certification, a period may arise for legal challenges to election results. Such challenges are to be resolved through proper legal channels, usually in the Superior Court, involving either electors/voters or candidates, as stipulated by the California Elections Code.

### **County Certification Process**

As outlined in Elections Code Section 15302, elections staff conducted the official canvass on December 02, 2025, following these vital procedures:

- Examination of all materials and supplies returned by poll workers.
- Reconciliation of signatures on the roster with the recorded number of ballots on the ballot statement.
- Resolution of any discrepancies in reconciliation, including matching ballots received from each polling place with those cast.
- Reconciliation of counted, spoiled, canceled, or invalidated ballots with recorded votes, encompassing vote by mail and provisional ballots processed by the vote counting system. Processing and tallying of any valid vote by mail and provisional ballots not previously accounted for in the semifinal official canvass.
- Duplication of any damaged ballots, if required.

As per Elections Code Section 15372, the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, certified the Statement of Election Results and publicly posted the certified statement on the county elections website on or about December 2, 2025. The statement is provided in a downloadable spreadsheet format, such as comma-separated values or tab-separated values, compatible with widely used spreadsheet software applications. Additionally, the certified statement of the election results is retained on the elections website for at least 10 years following the election.

Additionally, in alignment with Elections Code Section 15400, the responsibility falls on the Board of Supervisors to formally declare highest number of votes; and declare the results for each measure voted on during the election under the Board of Supervisors' jurisdiction.

In accordance with Elections Code Sections 15372 and 15400, the Board of Supervisors is hereby presented with the Certified Statement of Election Results to declare the highest number of votes for Proposition 50 in San Benito County.

The Board of Supervisors' acknowledgment and acceptance of the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters' certification of the election is a vital part of the democratic process. It reassures voters that their voices have been heard and affirms the legitimacy of the election results. This step serves as a cornerstone for ensuring a smooth transfer of power and enables elected officials to carry out their responsibilities effectively.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

On October 14, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the receipt of \$357,300 from the State Controller's Office for the Statewide Special Election. Concurrently, the Board adopted Amendment Resolution No. 2025-68, authorizing an increase in revenue for Fiscal Year 2025–2026. As of November 7, 2025, the Registrar of Voters (ROV) has projected Special Election expenses to range between \$310,000 and \$317,000, with auditing costs still ongoing. In accordance with the directive outlined in the Secretary of State's memorandum, the ROV may allocate any remaining funds toward the Statewide Election scheduled for June 2, 2026.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt Resolution to approve the official report of the canvass and the certified statement of election results for the Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election; and
2. Authorize Chair to sign.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

[Board Agenda Fact Sheet - November 4, 2025 Special Election Resolution - November 4, 2025 Special Election Results](#)  
[Exhibit A: Statement of Vote November 4 2025 Special Election](#)  
[BOS Agenda October 14 2025](#)