



## Monterey County Board of Supervisors

### Board Order

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A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to:

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 20-091 recommending modification of voting procedures for the Presidential Election on November 3, 2020, due to the COVID-19 national emergency; and,
- b. Approve a letter from the Board of Supervisors to the Governor of the State of California requesting a State Executive Order to conduct the November Election by mail.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Parker and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

(Government Code 54953)

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting April 14, 2020.

Dated: April 15, 2020

File ID: RES 20-050

Agenda Item No.: 9

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

Joel G. Pablo, Deputy

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 20-091**

Resolution recommending modification of voting procedures )  
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COVID-19 national emergency.....)

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a national emergency and exceptional circumstances;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California and hundreds of local governments across the state have also declared  
states of emergency, imposed or recommended social distancing, and taken other significant steps to  
reduce the transmission rates of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, there may be a second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in the fall and winter of 2020-  
2021, therefore in-person voting presents risks to public health and public safety and threatens to  
undermine social distancing measures imposed by the State Public Health Officer and has the potential to  
deter voter participation due to a desire to remain away from large groups where the virus can easily  
spread; and

**WHEREAS**, state law requires the Presidential General Election to be held on November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, State law currently requires that this election be conducted using in-person voting at polling  
locations or vote centers throughout each county with vote by mail opportunities upon request and mail  
ballot precincts pursuant to California Elections Code Section 3005; and

**WHEREAS**, in-person voting involves the congregation of people at various polling locations and the  
use of shared polling place equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, in-person voting risks undermining social distancing measures imposed by the State Public  
Health Officer and local public health officials, as well as other aspects of the response to COVID-19,  
which are designed to protect public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is generally anticipated that a vaccination for COVID-19 will not be widely available on  
or before November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, at the foundation of the Constitution of the State of California and the Constitution of the  
United States of America our elections must be accessible, secure and safe; and

**WHEREAS**, California’s existing vote-by-mail procedures can be used to conduct the Presidential  
General Election in a manner that is accessible, secure and safe; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 and the response thereto may impair the ability of state and local officials,  
including county election officials and the Secretary of State, to meet statutory deadlines associated with  
ballot counting, tabulation, and other responsibilities related to the official canvass, including certification

of the canvass, audits and/or manual tallies of election results and reporting of the official canvass results;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County requires a prompt and timely decision on the conduct of the November 3, 2020 election because preparations for printing and mailing additional ballots, which must be done months before the actual election takes place, and purchases for the Presidential General Election for November 3, 2020 are currently underway.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, recommends that the Governor use the authority vested in him by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567 and 8571, to issue an executive order in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A, which directs county elections officials responsible for conducting the Presidential General Election on November 3, 2020, to conduct an all-mail ballot election.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that an exception to the all-mail ballot election should be permitted under the executive order to accommodate the need for voter accessibility, provided that any in-person voting be conducted in a manner consistent with public health and safety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that under such an order, county elections officials would be responsible to transmit vote-by-mail ballots to all voters eligible to vote in this election and provide notice to voters about how to participate in the Presidential General Election, paying particular attention to the needs of voters at high risk of contracting COVID-19, individuals with disabilities, and other voters with particularized needs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the order would extend the deadline to complete, audit, and report the official canvass of the November 3, 2020, Presidential General Election by seven (7) days to December 7, 2020, which recognizes that COVID-19 and the response thereto may impair the ability of state and local officials to meet statutory responsibilities associated with county, tabulation and other responsibilities related to the official canvass and reporting of the official canvass results.

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