



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

**DATE:** March 24, 2009  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** April 14, 2009  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Four-fifths vote

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Warren Slocum, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder  
**SUBJECT:** Appropriations Transfer Request (ATR)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) in the amount of \$1,901,000, transferring \$1,822,000 from Non-Departmental General Fund Reserves and \$79,000 from Charges for Services within the Elections budget unit to Salaries and Benefits and Services and Supplies within the Elections budget unit to fund a consolidated Special Statewide Election on May 19, 2009.

**VISION ALIGNMENT:**

**Commitments:** Realize the potential of our diverse population; and responsive, effective and collaborative government.

**Goals 2, 20:** Civic engagement—including voting, public service, charitable giving, volunteerism and participation in public discussions of important issues is uniformly high among the diverse population; and government decisions are based on careful consideration of future impact, rather than temporary relief or immediate gain.

This ATR contributes to the commitment and goals by providing the necessary funds to implement the Governor's order for a special election.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill SBX3 19 calling for a special statewide election was part of the California budget packet passed by the legislators on February 7, 2009. It places six propositions, 1A to 1F, on the ballot for May 19, 2009.

The bill also allows for other elections scheduled during the period from May 19,

2009 to June 2, 2009 to be consolidated with the special statewide election. The City of Pacifica has chosen to consolidate their scheduled June 2, 2009 election with the May 19, 2009 election to save costs.

**DISCUSSION:**

The major cost components of this special election include stipends for pollworkers, polling place rental fees, ballot printing, and extra help for the preparation of voting machines and polling place supplies, and for canvassing. Costs are estimated at \$1,901,000.

It is expected that the State will reimburse San Mateo County for its share of the costs to conduct this special election. However, no official appropriation has been made by the State. Election costs associated with the City of Pacifica election, approximately \$79,000, will be paid by the City.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The ATR of \$1,901,000 will be transferring Reserves of \$1,822,000 from Non-Departmental Services. The remaining \$79,000 will come from the City of Pacifica for services that will be provided by the Election Office. The County will pursue reimbursement of the \$1,822,000 from the State for the General Fund's share of the statewide election costs.