




**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**  
Assessor - County Clerk - Recorder & Elections Office



**DATE:** September 15, 2009  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** October 6, 2009  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Warren Slocum, Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder 

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing Election Services for the November 3, 2009 Consolidated Municipal, School & Special District Election

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief Elections Officer to render specified elections services in conjunction with the Consolidated Municipal, School & Special District.

(1) Calling for election services for the Consolidated Municipal, School & Special District Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, with elections called by the Hillsborough City School District, Redwood City School District, San Bruno Park School District, San Mateo Union High School District, San Mateo-Foster City School District, Sequoia Union High School District, Woodside Elementary School District, Broadmoor Police Protection District, Coastside County Water District, Coastside Fire Protection District, East Palo Alto Sanitary District, Granada Sanitary District, Los Trancos County Water District, and Menlo Park Fire Protection District, Town of Atherton, City of Belmont, City of Brisbane, City of Burlingame, City of Foster City, City of Half Moon Bay, City of Millbrae, Town of Portola Valley, City of Redwood City, City of San Bruno, City of San Carlos, City of San Mateo, City of South San Francisco, and the Town of Woodside.

(2) Authorizing the Chief Elections Officer to render specified election services in conjunction therewith.

**BACKGROUND:**

The governing body of any city or district government may ask the County Board of Supervisors to permit the County Elections Official to render specified election services to conduct an election. (Cal. Elections Code §10002) When elections are to be held on the same day in or within the same territory, the Board of Supervisors may consolidate those elections to be conducted and the returns canvassed by the County Elections Official in all respects as if they were one election. (Id., §§ 10400-10418)

**DISCUSSION:**

The following local governing bodies have duly called either regularly scheduled or special elections and have requested that election services be provided by the County Elections Official in the scheduled election for November 3, 2009:

School Districts: Hillsborough City School District, Redwood City School District, San Bruno Park School District, San Mateo Union High School District, San Mateo-Foster City School District, Sequoia Union High School District, and Woodside Elementary School District, and

Special Districts: Broadmoor Police Protection District, Coastside County Water District, Coastside Fire Protection District, East Palo Alto Sanitary District, Granada Sanitary District, Los Trancos County Water District, and Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and

Municipalities: Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Millbrae, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Board Memo and Resolution as to form.

Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by engaging voters to decide on who will be the elected officials in their respective communities, deciding the important questions of funding for specific programs and services. The County's Chief Elections Officer is agreeable to providing the specified election services as requested, and has entered into service agreements accordingly. We respectfully request that our recommendation be approved.

**Performance Measure(s):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2008-09 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2009-10 Projected</b>
<b>Percent of Voters to vote on 11/03/09</b>	<b>31.25 %</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b># of Registered Voters</b>	<b>360,782</b>	<b>278,000</b>

The statistics for the performance measures for FY 2008-09 was for a countywide election, May 19, 2009 Special Statewide Election. The November 3, 2009 Consolidated Municipal, School & Special District Election (UDEL) will not be countywide nor inclusive of all registered voters in the County due to uncontested scheduled elections that will not be placed onto the ballot.

A more relevant comparison is of the 2007 UDEL election. The turnout was 24.36% with 309,513 registered voters eligible to participate. Although the 2007 election was also not countywide, there were more political districts participating with more eligible voters.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Related costs will be paid from budgeted funds existing in the Elections Budget Unit. The

County will be reimbursed for all costs subject to reimbursement by the local entities that will receive election services and supplies, pursuant to this consolidation and the related service agreements. Each local entity will be billed for its pro-rata share of costs, calculated at a rate based on its respective voter registration count.