



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: County Administrative Office

Subject: Defer Report on Impacts of Assembly Bill 1416

Meeting Date: March 25, 2025

Formal Title: Defer to on or before April 29, 2025, the report on the impacts of Assembly Bill 1416 on the 2024 election cycle

Recommended Actions

Defer to on or before April 29, 2025, the report on the impacts of Assembly Bill 1416 on the 2024 election cycle.

Executive Summary

The County Administrative Office (CAO) requests that the Board defer to April 2025 the report on Assembly Bill (AB) 1416 to allow additional time for analysis and coordination with the County Clerk. This extension will ensure a more comprehensive evaluation of the impacts of this decision on the costs and administrative burden in the 2024 General Election.

Discussion

In November 2023, the Board adopted a resolution to opt out of printing supporters and opponents of local measures on ballots as required by AB 1416. The Board also directed the CAO to report back on impacts of not printing supporters and opponents in March 2025. Additional time is needed to provide a complete report. Deferring this item will allow for further coordination between the CAO and the County Clerk to provide such a report.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with the recommended action.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - Plans, Policies & Budgets, Leadership, Operations & Services

Operational Plan - Operational Excellence

Climate Action - Government Operations

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