

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



## **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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### **Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

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