



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO OFFICE OF THE CLERK-RECORDER

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Pursuant to Elections Code § 1604, the County of San Luis Obispo is requesting a partial waiver regarding the maximum number of voters in a precinct under Elections Code § 12223, not to exceed 3,000 voters for the September 14, 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election. Our draft plan consolidates 288 whole (AKA base or home) precincts into 89 voting (reporting) precincts. Of the 89 voting precincts, 83 are polling place precincts and 6 are mail ballot precincts. Voting precinct sizes range from 61 to 2,988; the average size is 2,098 voters.

Our efforts to secure the required in-person voting locations:

We surveyed facilities in March 2021 asking for availability as a polling place for a recall election expected to take place in November or December 2021, as well as for the 2022 primary and general elections. Of 75 facilities, 45 responded that they would be available for the recall election.

Since the date of the recall election was set on July 1, we have been contacting all facilities again to see if they are available to serve as a polling place on September 14. As of July 12, we have secured 24 of 60 planned polling places for the recall election. There is not enough time to secure the number of polling places for our typical consolidations and meet all election deadlines.

Our plans to avoid a negative disparate impact on disabled voters or any protected class of voters:

Each polling place will have at least one accessible ballot marking device with both English and Spanish content available. Each voting precinct will be supplied with printed Spanish and Tagalog facsimile ballots. All polling places will be surveyed for ADA compliance and any necessary mitigations will be made by Election Day. Additional language and accessibility resources will be available through our website as they are every election.

Polling places are being selected that are central to the precincts being served as much as possible, and larger sites are being favored over smaller, especially when more than one consolidated voting precinct will be assigned to that location.

Mail ballot precincts are consolidated in the same manner as they are every election in San Luis Obispo county.

Official vote by mail ballot drop boxes will be made available at 17 locations throughout the county beginning August 16 (E-29) to provide additional options for voters to return their vote by mail ballots. Ballot drop box locations have been prioritized for areas which are not served

by a polling place. The drop box located at the Clerk-Recorder's office at 1055 Monterey Street in San Luis Obispo will be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

We are confident our plan will not reduce in-person voting locations below a number of locations necessary to safely and efficiently accommodate the anticipated demand for in-person voting services based on the following:

In San Luis Obispo county, 82% of voters would normally have received a vote by mail ballot this election, but pursuant to Elections Code § 3000.5 all Californians who are registered, active and otherwise eligible to vote in the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election will receive a vote-by-mail ballot.

Using the planned consolidations, the number of poll (non-VBM) voters ranges from 21 to 648 per voting precinct. The percentage of poll voters per voting precinct ranges from 11% to 34%.

All of the foregoing plus the availability of official vote by mail drop boxes will result in a manageable in-person turnout at San Luis Obispo county polling places. Additionally, we will operate a call center as we did in March 2020 to verify a VBM ballot has not been returned and void the outstanding VBM ballot for any voter who wants to vote at a polling place but who does not have their VBM ballot to surrender. In March, this successfully expedited voting in thousands of instances by enabling the voter to vote a precinct ballot vs. voting provisionally.

Voters interested in additional information regarding this partial waiver request may visit the California Secretary of State website:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/2021-ca-gov-recall>