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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CELIA ZAVALA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

April 03, 2018

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS WILL AUTHORIZE THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN MOU AND REIMBURSE THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE INITIAL TESTING OF SPECIFIC COMPONENTS OF THE VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE (VSAP) VOTING SYSTEM ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) requests approval to enter into an MOU with the California Secretary of State (SOS) in the amount of \$300,000 for the initial testing of specific components of the VSAP solution to be conducted by a State-Approved Testing Agency (S-ATA) under contract with the SOS.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the RR/CC, or designee, to execute an MOU with the SOS for certification testing in the amount of \$300,000 for the Tally solution;
2. Delegate authority to the Director of the RR/CC, or designee, to execute similar agreements granted your Board is notified at least 14 days prior to executing this additional authority for recurring and similar testing throughout the certification phase of the full VSAP implementation in accordance with the requirements mandated by the State in the California Voting System Standards (CVSS) and per California Code of Regulations, Voting System Certifications Regulations, Section 20702.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of the RR/CC, or designee, to increase the total maximum sum up to ten (10%) percent of the total for additional services (if needed) provided approval from County

Counsel and Chief Executive Office is obtained.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

VSAP was developed by the RR/CC to address an aging voting system and an increasingly large and complex electorate. The project has taken a collaborative approach to voting system design and implementation that has put voters at the center of the process and maximized stakeholder participation.

The Department is currently in Phase Four (Manufacturing and Certification) of the program, which includes development and testing of the VSAP Tally solution, as well as the solicitation, evaluation and selection of a system integrator who will manufacture the remaining components of the VSAP and obtain system certification for the full VSAP implementation.

The CVSS provide a set of requirements against which voting systems shall be tested to determine if they provide all the basic functionality, accessibility, and security capabilities required of voting systems in California. The CVSS specify the required functionality, performance characteristics, documentation, and test evaluation criteria for the certification of voting systems.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This request supports the County Strategic Plan as follows:

Goal No. III, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today: Our increasingly dynamic and complex environment challenges our collective abilities to respond to public needs and expectations. We want to be an innovative, flexible, effective, and transparent partner focused on advancing the common good.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for the certification testing of the VSAP Tally solution in accordance with the requirements mandated by the CVSS is included in the Department's FY 2017-18 Budget. Funds will be deposited into an Agency Trust Account set up by the SOS for this specific purpose.

If the initial deposit is not sufficient to reimburse the cost of all expenditures associated with the examination of the voting system, the Secretary of State's office will require an additional deposit of funds into the Agency Trust Account to be received by the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment of the Secretary of State's office as directed. Additional funding to augment the initial MOU and/or for future testing will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Secretary of State requires prospective voting system's managers to submit an application for the certification testing. Only after the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment of the Secretary of State's office has received a completed application, including the deposit of funds into an Agency Trust Account sufficient to guarantee and reimburse the cost of any expenditures associated with the examination of the voting system, may an examination begin. No application shall be deemed to be complete until all required documentation and funds for examination have been submitted to the Secretary of State's office.

The Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment of the Secretary of State's office shall conduct the examination of new voting systems seeking initial certification as well as for modified versions of systems that have been certified. The Office of Voting Systems Technology shall use a S-ATA agency or expert technicians as provided in Division 19 of the Elections Code. The examination shall meet the standards established in the California Voting System Standards (October 2014).

In addition to the use of the new system, the certification of the VSAP Tally solution will also bring additional funding to the County. The State currently has \$49M in 2002 Voting Modernization Bond (VMB) funding earmarked for the County. The allocation of VMB funding is contingent upon a voting system that is certified by the State, so the certification of the VSAP Tally system will allow the County to seek reimbursement of Tally development from the VMB funding pool.

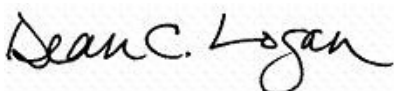
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Successful certification testing and approval for use of the VSAP by the SOS will replace the County's aging voting system with modern voting technology that will support an enhanced voting experience, more voting options and increased voter participation. Furthermore, it will provide for greater accessibility, transparency and security of elections, and strengthen public trust and confidence in the democratic process.

CONCLUSION

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Board Letter. The Chief Information Office (CIO) has reviewed and approved this Board letter. The CIO determined this recommended action contains no new Information Technology (IT) specifics. Therefore, no formal CIO Analysis is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel