



Monterey County Office of Education

Dr. Nancy Kotowski
County Superintendent of Schools

January 23, 2017

Joe Paul Gonzalez, Registrar of Voters
County of San Benito
440 Fifth Street
2nd Floor, Room 206
Hollister, CA 95023

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IN SAN BENITO COUNTY

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JOE PAUL GONZALEZ, COUNTY CLERK
BY  DEPUTY CLERK

Dear Registrar Gonzalez:

Re: Request that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors Approve Change of Monterey County School Districts' Election Date to November of Even-Numbered Years Pursuant to Elections Code § 10404.5 and Senate Bill 415.

On behalf of two school districts' Boards of Trustees in Monterey County whose territory extends to San Benito County, I hereby submit resolutions which resolve to move elections for their governing boards from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years, pursuant to Elections Code § 1302(b). I hereby request that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors' consider approval of that change pursuant to Elections Code § 10404.5 at a public meeting sometime within 60 days, following the statutorily-required notice.

Historically in Monterey County elections for members of the school district Boards of Trustees and the County Board of Education have been conducted in November of odd-numbered years (e.g., November 2015), pursuant to Education Code § 5000 and Elections Code § 1302(a). However, voter participation is generally greater for statewide general elections than for odd-year local elections. Therefore, on September 1, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 415 into law, requiring that political subdivisions that hold their elections in odd-numbered years adopt a plan to transition to even-numbered year general elections no later than January 1, 2018, if they have experienced "significant decrease in voter turnout." This includes school board elections.

Included in this correspondence are copies of the resolutions of these districts to request that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors approve the change of election date to November of even-numbered years pursuant to Elections Code § 10404.5 and Senate Bill 415.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ginny Brown, Office of the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (831-755-0303).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Kotowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kotowski".

Nancy Kotowski, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

C: Clerk of the Board, San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ENCLOSURES:

*Resolutions to Request that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors Approve Change of Monterey County School Districts' Election Date to November of Even-Numbered Years Pursuant to Elections Code § 10404.5 and Senate Bill 415 **beginning in 2018:***

Hartnell Community College District
South Monterey County Joint Union High School District