December 31, 2017

Dear Fellow Voters:

I am pleased to submit to you San Mateo County’s Draft Election Administration Plan for the implementation of the California Voter’s Choice Act (Senate Bill 450). This landmark legislation authorizes 14 counties, including San Mateo, to conduct any election as an All Mailed Ballot/Vote Center Election, commencing January 2018. San Mateo County is proud to be one of the first five counties in the state that will be conducting the June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election under the provisions of the California Voter’s Choice Act.

San Mateo County’s Draft Election Administration Plan (EAP) was developed with the goal of providing the public detailed information on the administration of elections under the California Voter’s Choice Act. The EAP also includes the County’s Education and Outreach Plan which outlines in detail the County’s education and outreach plans and our efforts to increase accessibility to all voters, particularly voters with disabilities and language minorities.

The Draft EAP was developed in consultation with the public and includes comments received at our public hearings with members of the County’s disability and language communities. You are all cordially invited to a public hearing to discuss the Draft EAP on:

    Thursday, January 18, 2018, 1 p.m.
    Chambers of the Board of Supervisors
    Hall of Justice
    400 County Center, Redwood City

Comments may also be provided on the Draft EAP via email, mail and by phone in advance of the hearing.

Please feel free to contact me or any of our staff members at 650.312.5222 or registrar@smcare.org should you have any questions regarding the Voter’s Choice Act or our Draft EAP. We look forward to seeing you on January 18, 2018.

Sincerely,

Mark Church
# San Mateo County
## California Voter’s Choice Act
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OVERVIEW
Senate Bill 450, also known as the California Voter’s Choice Act (VCA), was signed into law on September 29, 2016, authorizing 14 counties, including San Mateo, to conduct any election as an All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center election commencing in 2018. This legislation was part of a broad collection of election reforms designed to increase voter participation, increase voter engagement, and expand voting options, fundamentally changing how elections will be conducted in San Mateo County and participating jurisdictions.

San Mateo County has been at the forefront of conducting All-Mailed Ballot Elections in the State of California, with over 67% of our registered voters choosing to be permanent Vote by Mail voters. The passage of the VCA was influenced by San Mateo County’s successful November 3, 2015 All-Mailed Ballot Election, conducted under the authority of Assembly Bill 2028. Many of the recommendations and methodologies contained in our AB 2028 Report to the State Legislature and the Secretary of State were incorporated into the VCA.

The County’s Chief Elections Officer is required under the VCA to prepare a draft Election Administration Plan (EAP) for the administration of elections under the new law. This Draft EAP has been a collaborative effort prepared in consultation with our community partners and stakeholders. It has incorporated many of the recommendations obtained from our public hearings held on October 12, 2017 and October 16, 2017, with our language and disability communities.

The public is once again invited to offer additional comments on the Draft EAP at our VCA Public Hearing which will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 1 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 400 County Center, Redwood City. Upon conclusion of the Public Hearing and a 14-day comment period, the County’s Final EAP will be formally adopted and submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

To continually improve the VCA elections model, the law requires the Chief Elections Officer to hold additional public hearings within two years of conducting the first election and every four years thereafter, to consider revisions to the EAP.

San Mateo County’s Draft EAP provides a wide range of valuable information to the public regarding the implementation of the VCA. This Draft EAP will provide a brief overview of the Vote by Mail ballot process, the proposed locations of the County’s Vote Centers and Ballot Drop-off locations, elections technology that will be deployed, and a description of our Voter Education and Outreach Plan.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS
Under the VCA model, all registered voters will be mailed a ballot 29 days before the election, with a postage paid envelope to return the ballot. Voters may request a Vote by Mail ballot in a language other than English. Voters with disabilities, as well as overseas voters, military personnel, and military spouses may take advantage of San Mateo County’s Accessible Vote by Mail System, which allows qualified voters to access and mark their ballot in a screen-readable format on a personal computer.
VOTE CENTER AND BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS
The VCA establishes detailed criteria and formulas for the location of Vote Centers and Ballot Drop-off locations throughout the County. The law requires that Vote Centers and Ballot Drop-off locations be accessible to voters with disabilities, located near population centers, public transportation and near low-income and language minority communities.

Vote Center and Ballot Drop-off locations were selected in consultation with the San Mateo County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) and the Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC). Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping software and U.S. Census Data were also utilized to ensure locations are in optimal proximity to voters.

**Vote Centers:** Vote Centers will operate similar to polling places, allowing voters to cast their ballots in person, whether on paper, at an eSlate or at a Disabled Access Unit. Unlike polling places, however, voters can cast their ballots at any Vote Center countywide. Voters will also be able to register to vote or update their registration at any Vote Center. Voters who have not registered before the close of registration (14 days prior to the election), will be able to Conditionally Register to Vote (CVR) at any Vote Center and cast a provisional ballot through Election Day.

Vote Centers will have secure access to the County’s Election Management System (“EMS”), allowing Vote Center staff to verify, in real time, the voting status of each voter.

Vote Centers will be equipped with up to 10 eSlate electronic voting machines, including three Disabled Access Units. All Vote Centers are ADA-compliant, and Elections personnel will be on site to assist voters with specific needs.

Security and contingency plans will be in place to prevent disruption of voting, and to ensure that the election is properly conducted. When Vote Centers are not in operation, the site and equipment will be secured through tested and established security protocols such as tamper-evident seals and secure storage facilities.

A sample Vote Center layout diagram is provided in the Addenda.

**Vote Center Formula:** Vote Centers will open sequentially, with greater numbers of Vote Centers in operation as the election draws nearer. The County will continue its practice of opening three Vote Centers in South San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City, 29 days before the election. Additional Vote Centers will open 10 days before the election, and all Vote Centers will be in full operation beginning the third day before the election.

The VCA has established the following formula for determining the locations of Vote Centers throughout the County. These numbers are based on an estimate of 390,000 registered voters for the June 2018 Election:

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<th>Days before Election Day</th>
<th>Number of Registered Voters Per Vote Center</th>
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All Vote Centers will be open at least eight hours per day starting 10 days before the Election, including weekends and holidays, and open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
Each Vote Center will be staffed by no less than five election workers. The County will endeavor to recruit at least one Spanish-speaking and one Chinese-speaking election worker in each Vote Center to provide language assistance.

**Ballot Drop-off Boxes:** At least one Ballot Drop-off box is required for every 15,000 registered voters in the County for a projected total of 26 Ballot Drop-off boxes for the June 5, 2018 Election. These Ballot Drop-off boxes will be available no less than 28 days before Election Day and open during regular business hours. A Ballot Drop-off box outside the Registration & Election Division, at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo, and three additional sites to be determined, will be open twenty-four hours a day.

Each of the 20 City and Town Halls in San Mateo County will have a locked ballot box available for dropping off ballots during their regular business hours. Voters may also drop off a voted ballot at a Vote Center, Post Office or USPS mailbox.

A list of proposed Vote Center and Ballot Drop-off locations, along with a Vote Center and Ballot Drop-off location map, are included in the Addenda.

**VOTING TECHNOLOGY**

The County will deploy our existing Hart InterCivic Electronic Voting System and eSlate voting machines at all Vote Centers during the June 5, 2018 Election. At each Vote Center, a network of personal computers will be linked to the County’s Election Management System (EMS) through a secure connection. The County’s EMS is connected to the voter registration database administered by the State of California, VoteCal. This will provide access to voter registration data, enabling Vote Center staff to determine the registration and voter status of every voter in real time. This system was successfully used in the November 3, 2015 All-Mailed Ballot Election.

On-demand ballot printing printers will be used for the first time in County Elections to provide voters with specific ballot styles for their voting precincts. Additionally, on-demand ballot printing printers minimize the purchase and printing of extra ballots that are needed to accommodate difficult ballot styles.

**DIGITAL “I VOTED” STICKER**

One the most popular items requested from the voting public on Election Day is our “I Voted” sticker which proudly recognizes that the voter has participated in the election. “I Voted” stickers are so popular that many of our permanent Vote by Mail (VBM) voters drop their ballots off at polling places just to obtain their stickers.

Given the popularity of the “I Voted” sticker, our County will be developing a digital “I Voted” sticker that can be copied and pasted on the voters’ social media pages and included in their online digital signatures. This will allow voters to proudly let the world know that they are active voters and voted in the election. The digital “I Voted” sticker will also recognize the years of voting a voter has participated in previous elections. A distinctive banner will be developed indicating the number of consecutive years voters have cast ballots in previous elections. This will proudly distinguish voters for their years of participation in the democratic process.

The digital “I Voted” sticker can be accessed via the “Check my Registration/Access my Election Materials/View My Voter Information Pamphlet/Track My Ballot” link at www.shapethefuture.org.
**FISCAL IMPACT**
The fiscal impact of the VCA and related legislative mandates is unknown at this time.

The June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election will be the first of its kind, both in terms of the new All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center model and the new election laws which will be fully implemented for the June 2018 election. The combined effect of these new laws coming online at the same time in a major Gubernatorial Primary Election may increase election costs for counties statewide. On the positive side, the VCA over time, should have the effect of mitigating many of the additional costs associated with these new legislative mandates.

One of our principal concerns impacting election costs, will be the implementation of Senate Bill 415 (SB 415), the California Voter Participation Rights Act. SB 415 moved jurisdictions holding odd-numbered year elections to even-numbered year elections by 2020. This will result in a significant increase in the number of jurisdictions that will participate in the November 2018 Election. This change will lead to considerably larger even-numbered year elections, resulting in larger sample ballot pamphlets, longer and more complex official ballots, and more ballot styles.

AB 1436 Conditional Voter Registration Law and AB 1461 DMV New Motor Voter Law, will increase voter registration and the total number of voters turning out at the polls. The influx of new voters will add additional costs to the administration of elections.

Additionally, the VCA itself will initially incur startup expenses that may increase election expenditures in the short-term. Vote Centers will be open longer and staffed by County employees at higher hourly rates than traditional poll workers. Vote Center staff will also require additional training to manage the complexity and technology requirements of Vote Centers. Creating multiple secure connections between Vote Centers and the County’s voter registration database will result in increased expenditures due to new equipment, set up, testing, and support. We anticipate that these costs will eventually be off-set by a significant reduction in the number of voting machines, labor and capital expenses. Future elections will also require less outreach and voter education, as voters will be more familiar with the new election model, further lowering expenditures.

**SUMMARY**
The California Voter’s Choice Act is landmark legislation that will fundamentally change the way elections are conducted in the State of California. San Mateo County’s successful experience with the November 3, 2015 Countywide Local Consolidated All-Mailed Ballot Election provides us the unique foundation to successfully administer elections under the VCA’s All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center election model. Successful implementation of this new method of conducting elections provides numerous benefits and opportunities to the County’s voters and participating jurisdictions. School districts, municipalities and special districts, benefit through increased efficiencies and reduced billable costs resulting from the new All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center election model. The new election model will have the positive effect of increasing voter participation, providing greater accessibility to voters with disabilities, improving our voting systems and technology, and strengthening our elections infrastructure security.

San Mateo County looks forward to continuing our tradition of excellence and innovation with the successful implementation of the California Voter’s Choice Act.
OVERVIEW
The California Voter’s Choice Act (VCA) requires the County to develop a Voter Education and Outreach Plan that informs voters on all aspects of the VCA, including Vote Center and Ballot Drop-off locations, and information specific to voters with disabilities and non-English preference voters. Public meetings will be held with community organizations and individuals that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to these groups. The County will hold multiple public education workshops, with translators available for Spanish, Chinese, Filipino and Korean language speakers. All public events hosted by the County will be ADA accessible.

The County worked with its Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) and Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) to develop the Voter Education and Outreach Plan, which will be submitted to the Secretary of State’s office for review and approval.

Similar to our community outreach and public awareness efforts in advance of the November 3, 2015 All-Mailed Ballot Election, the County will reach out to community organizations, agencies, schools and other groups to raise awareness of the new election model. This will be combined with a broad media campaign using direct mail, news media, social media, and public access media to announce the implementation of the VCA. The campaign will promote the toll-free voter assistance hotline, inform voters how to obtain their ballot in an accessible format, and provide multilingual services and accessibility to persons with hearing disabilities.

Upcoming community events and community partners can be found in the Addenda.

NON-ENGLISH PREFERENCE VOTERS
As part of its outreach efforts, the County will continue and expand its outreach to voters who prefer to use a language other than English.

A news release, distributed to all media serving San Mateo County residents, will announce the toll-free voter assistance hotline, which will provide multilingual services. Additionally, advertisements in Spanish, Chinese, Filipino and Korean media will be purchased to promote the assistance hotline.

Vote Centers which require language assistance will be identified through U.S. Census data and through the public input process, including input provided by the County’s LAAC.

Media partners, including non-English language media, are in the Addenda.

VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES
The County has a long-standing commitment to working with voters with disabilities to increase accessibility in the democratic process. The Registration & Elections Division website, www.shapethefuture.org, provides information and resources for voters with disabilities, including details on eSlate Disabled Access Units, the Accessible Vote by Mail System, the ADA Accessible requirements for Vote Centers and the VAAC.

A press release, distributed to all media serving San Mateo County residents, will announce the toll-free voter assistance hotline, which will provide accessibility to persons with hearing disabilities.
Voters with disabilities may request the County to deliver a ballot to their home, or have an electronic voting machine brought to their home. Voters with disabilities may also use their personal computer to download and mark their ballot through the Accessible Vote by Mail System. Vote Center staff may also bring a paper ballot replacement or the eSlate Disabled Access Unit to a car for curbside voting.

**ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN PARTICIPATION**
The County will provide information and training on request to coordinators and staff at agencies serving low-income voters and individuals with disabilities from agencies including, but not limited to: CalFresh CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), In-Home Supportive Services, Covered California, California’s health benefit exchange, Department of Rehabilitation-Vocational Services, Independent Living Centers, Department of Developmental Services Regional Centers, Offices contracting with the Office of Deaf Access, State and County mental and behavioral health departments, and private practitioners providing services under contract with those departments.

A mobile Vote Center may be deployed to address geographically remote areas where a fixed site is not feasible.

**DIRECT VOTER CONTACTS**
Direct contact from the County to voters was the most effective method to inform voters about the November 3, 2015 All-Mailed Ballot Election.

Three postcards are planned to inform voters of the new election model, in addition to information in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet and the Vote by Mail Ballot. The first mailing will inform all registered voters of the new voting model. The second mailing will be to voters who have not previously received their ballot by mail to alert them to the upcoming ballot mailing and provide Vote Center information. The third mailing, in the final days before the election, will be to voters who have not mailed in their ballot to remind them to do so, providing information on obtaining a replacement ballot and on Vote Center locations.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**
A Public Service Announcement (PSA) script for TV will be distributed with the request for visuals or closed-captioning for voters who are deaf or hard of hearing. A radio script will include a request to stations to post the information on their companion websites to assist in reaching those voters.

Artwork will be available from the County for print and online PSAs, and for government and community partners to use in their social media and newsletters. Print PSAs will be accompanied by a request to post the announcement on any affiliated websites with audio for the blind and visually impaired.

The County will provide Spanish, Chinese, Filipino and Korean language media outlets serving San Mateo County with scripts for PSAs. The scripts will inform voters of the upcoming election and promote the toll-free voter assistance hotline. Artwork will also be available.

**BUDGET**
The June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election has been allocated $241,000 for voter education and outreach. Additionally, the Registration & Elections Division will provide in-
house support for the preparation of graphic and outreach materials, public presentations and community outreach events.

The budget will allow the purchase of advertisements in newspapers, television, radio and social media. A portion of these funds will be allocated to language translation and braille production. The outreach budget does not include printing and postage costs for direct mailings to registered voters. Additional funds in the amount of $200,000 will need to be added to the June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election budget for this purpose.

In addition, The Voter’s Choice California coalition has offered grants to community based organizations to enlist their support in VCA outreach programs. Information regarding the Voter’s Choice California coalition and their grant programs may be obtained at https://voterschoice.org/.
CALIFORNIA VOTER’S CHOICE ACT ADDENDA

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CALIFORNIA VOTER’S CHOICE ACT
PROPOSED VOTE CENTERS
&
BALLOT DROP-OFF BOX LOCATIONS

Office of Mark Church
Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
Location of Proposed Vote Centers

Open 29 Days before Election through Election Day

Redwood City  Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
South San Francisco  South San Francisco Main Library
San Mateo  Registration & Elections Division

Open 10 Days before Election through Election Day

East Palo Alto  City Hall, Community Room
Half Moon Bay  Ted Adcock Community Center
Daly City  Daly City City Hall
San Bruno  San Bruno City Hall, Conference Room 115
San Mateo  Mid-Peninsula Boys & Girls Club

Open 3 Days before Election through Election Day

Atherton  Atherton Town Council Chambers
Belmont  Belmont City Hall, Emergency Operations Center
Brisbane  Brisbane City Hall, Community Meeting Room
Burlingame  Burlingame City Hall, Conference Room A
Burlingame  Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
Colma  Emergency Operations Center
Daly City  Hillside Clubhouse
Daly City  Marchbank Park
Daly City  Holy Child and St. Martin Episcopal Church
East Palo Alto  Joan and Lewis Platt EPA Family YMCA
Foster City  Foster City Recreation Center
Hillsborough  Fire Station 32
Menlo Park  Arrillaga Recreation Center, Oak Room
Menlo Park  Onetta Harris Community Center
Millbrae  Modular Community Center
Moss Beach  The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Pacifica  Pacifica School District - Board Room
Pacifica  St. Peter Catholic Church
Pacifica  TBD
Portola Valley  Historic School
Redwood City  Woodside Fire Training Room
Redwood C./N. Fair Oaks  TBD
Redwood Shores  San Mateo County Office of Education
South San Francisco  Grand Library
South San Francisco  TBD
San Bruno  TBD
San Carlos  San Carlos Library, Conference Room
San Carlos  TBD
San Mateo  Tentatively - King Community Center
San Mateo  San Mateo City Hall - Conference Room C
Woodside  Woodside Village Church
Ballot Drop-off Box Locations
Open 28 Days before Election

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| Atherton      | City Hall  
91 Ashfield Road  
Atherton, CA 94027 |
| Millbrae      | City Hall  
621 Magnolia Avenue  
Millbrae, CA 94030 |
| Belmont       | City Hall  
One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375  
Belmont, CA 94002 |
| Pacifica      | City Hall  
170 Santa Maria Avenue  
Pacifica, CA 94044 |
| Brisbane      | City Hall  
50 Park Place  
Brisbane, CA 94005 |
| Portola Valley| Town Hall  
765 Portola Road  
Portola Valley, CA 94028 |
| Burlingame    | City Hall  
501 Primrose Road  
Burlingame, CA 94010 |
| Redwood City  | City Hall  
1017 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, CA 94063 |
| Colma         | Town Hall  
1198 El Camino Real  
Colma, CA 94014 |
| Redwood City  | Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder  
555 County Center, 1st Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063 |
| Daly City     | City Hall  
333 90th Street  
Daly City, CA 94015 |
| San Bruno     | City Hall  
567 El Camino Real  
San Bruno, CA 94066 |
| East Palo Alto| City Hall  
2415 University Avenue  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303 |
| San Carlos    | City Hall  
600 Elm Street  
San Carlos, CA 94070 |
| Foster City   | City Hall  
610 Foster City Boulevard  
Foster City, CA 94404 |
| San Mateo     | City Hall  
330 West 20th Avenue  
San Mateo, CA 94403 |
| Half Moon Bay | City Hall  
501 Main Street  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 |
| San Mateo     | Registration & Elections Division  
40 Tower Road  
San Mateo, CA 94402 |
| Menlo Park    | City Hall  
701 Laurel Street  
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| South San Francisco | City Hall  
400 Grand Avenue  
South San Francisco, CA 94080 |
| Hillsborough  | Town Hall  
1600 Floribunda Avenue  
Hillsborough, CA 94010 |
| South San Francisco | Main Library  
840 West Orange Avenue  
South San Francisco, CA 94080 |
| Woodside      | Town Hall  
2955 Woodside Road  
Woodside, CA 94062 |

Three more locations to be determined
Proposed Vote Center & Ballot Drop-off Locations Map

Legend
- Drop Boxes 9-27-2017
- 29 Day Vote Centers 9-27-2017
- 10 Day Vote Centers 9-27-2017
- 3 Day Vote Centers 9-27-2017

Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, MapmyIndia, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community
CALIFORNIA VOTER’S CHOICE ACT
VOTE CENTER LAYOUT
(PROPOSED)
Vote Center Layout
(Proposed)

San Bruno City Hall – Conference Room 115

Symbol Key

- Table
- Chair
- Paper Voting Platform
- Electrical Outlet
- Disabled Access Unit
- eSlate
San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division established a Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) to advise, assist, and provide recommendations to the Chief Elections Officer regarding the implementation of federal and state laws relating to access to the electoral process by older adults and persons with disabilities. It is the mission of the VAAC to ensure that all persons can vote independently and privately.

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Language Accessibility Advisory Committee

The San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer established the Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) to advise and assist the Chief Elections Officer on matters relating to language accessibility to the electoral process by voters with limited English proficiency. It is the mission of the LAAC to assist the Chief Elections Officer to enhance language accessibility opportunities and compliance with all federal, state and local laws.

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CALIFORNIA VOTER’S CHOICE ACT
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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CALIFORNIA VOTER’S CHOICE ACT
COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
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2015 – 2016 Winter/Spring Event Calendar Sample

Monday, January 19, 2015  MLK Celebration in East Palo Alto
Sunday, January 25, 2015  AACI Walk Together in East Palo Alto
Saturday, February 06, 2016  Humana & Military Football Event in CSM
Saturday, February 13, 2016  Black History Month Celebration in Daly City
Sunday, February 14, 2016  Chinese New Year Celebration in Foster City
Saturday, February 21, 2015  Midpeninsula African American History Month Celebration in East Palo Alto
Wednesday, February 24, 2016  Sunrise Senior Living Center in Burlingame
Saturday, February 28, 2015  Millbrae Lunar New Year Festival
Saturday, March 19, 2016  Youth Conference at CSM
Tuesday, March 29, 2016  Burlingame Long Term Care
Wednesday, March 30, 2016  USCIS Naturalization Ceremony
Saturday, April 23, 2016  Sand Piper Community Center F.C.
Sunday, April 24, 2016  Fair Oaks Library: Kermes Festival
Friday, April 29, 2016  HSA Belmont Veterans Outreach
Sunday, May 01, 2016  East Palo Alto Apostolic Church
Saturday, May 02, 2015  Foster City Polynesian Festival
Saturday, May 02, 2015  Streets Alive! Parks Alive! in South City
Tuesday, May 03, 2016  Sequoia High School
Thursday, May 05, 2016  Oceania High School
Friday, May 06, 2016  Terra Nova High School
Friday, May 06, 2016  El Camino High School
Thursday, May 12, 2016  Canada College
Saturday, May 14, 2016  6th Annual Reading Bonanza
Sunday, May 15, 2016  St. Francis of Assisi Church
Tuesday, May 17, 2016  Skyline College
Thursday, May 19, 2016  East Palo Alto Academy
Saturday, May 21, 2016  OYE 2016 Latino Youth Conference
Thursday, May 26, 2016  San Mateo County Hospital
Media Partners

Television
Univision
NBC Owned Television Stations
KTVU
Telemundo
CBS
ABC
KQED

Radio
Univision (KBRG & KSOL)
Telemundo
KCBS-AM
KQED-FM
KGO-AM
Cumulus Media (KNBR, KGO, KFOG, KSAN & KSJO)
Chinese Radio Sound of Hope
KHMB Coastside Radio 1710 AM
Sing Tao Radio

Newspapers/Magazines
San Mateo Daily Journal
Daily Post
East Palo Alto Today
Embarcadero Publishing (The Almanac)
Daily News Group newspapers
SF Media Group (Examiner newspaper)
Fox Venues (Climate magazine)
Half Moon Bay Review
Spectrum magazine
Philippines Today
News for Chinese
El Reportero
World News
San Francisco Chronicle

Movie Theaters
NCM (Century Theatres)

Posters
Titan Outdoor - BART Stations
Areas with Low Vote by Mail Usage

This map shows the percent of ballots cast by mail. The darker color indicates relatively lower vote by mail usage.
San Mateo County Population

This map shows the population clusters around San Mateo County. The areas with the most black have the highest population density.
Language Minority Communities

This map shows the population that speaks a language other than English who are not proficient in English. The darker the color, the higher the population.
Voters with Disabilities

This map shows the population estimates for voting age residents who have a disability. The darker the color, the more individuals in the area that have a disability.
Household Vehicle Ownership

This map shows households that do not own a vehicle. The darker the color, the more households in the area that do not own a vehicle.
Areas with Individuals Living in Poverty

This map shows the estimated number of people living in poverty in each area of San Mateo County. The darker color indicates a higher number of people living in poverty.
Areas with Eligible Residents Who Are Not Yet Registered to Vote

This map shows the number of eligible residents who are not yet registered. The darker color indicates a high number of eligible but unregistered residents.
CALIFORNIA VOTER’S CHOICE ACT
LEGISLATION

Office of Mark Church
Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
An act to amend Sections 3017 and 15320 of, to add Sections 4005, 4006, and 4007 to, and to add and repeal Section 4008 of, the Elections Code, relating to elections.

[Approved by Governor September 29, 2016. Filed with Secretary of State September 29, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 450, Allen. Elections: vote by mail voting and mail ballot elections.

Existing law requires all vote by mail ballots to be voted on or before the day of the election and requires the vote by mail voter to return the ballot by mail or in person, as specified, to the elections official who issued the ballot.

This bill would require an elections official who receives a vote by mail ballot that he or she did not issue to forward that ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot no later than 8 days after receipt. By requiring an elections official to forward a ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Existing law authorizes cities with a population of fewer than 100,000 persons, school districts, and special districts to conduct an all-mailed ballot special election to fill a vacancy on the legislative or governing body of those entities under specified conditions.

This bill, the California Voter’s Choice Act, would, on or after January 1, 2018, authorize specified counties, and on or after January 1, 2020, authorize any county except the County of Los Angeles, to conduct any election as an all-mailed ballot election if certain conditions are satisfied, including conditions related to ballot dropoff locations, vote centers, and plans for the administration of all-mailed ballot elections. The bill would require the Secretary of State, within 6 months of each all-mailed ballot election conducted by a county pursuant to these provisions, to report certain information to the Legislature regarding that election. The bill would require the county that conducted the all-mailed ballot election to submit to the Secretary of State the information needed for the Secretary of State to prepare the report.

This bill would, on or after January 1, 2020, authorize the County of Los Angeles to conduct any election as a vote center election if certain conditions are satisfied, including conditions related to ballot dropoff locations and vote centers. The bill would, on or after January 1, 2020, authorize the County of Los Angeles to conduct a special election as an all-mailed ballot election pursuant to specified provisions that apply to every county that chooses to conduct a special election as an all-mailed ballot election.
This bill would also require the Secretary of State to establish a taskforce that includes certain individuals to review all-mailed ballot elections conducted pursuant to these provisions and to provide comments and recommendations to the Legislature within 6 months of each all-mailed ballot election or vote center election.

This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 3017 of the Elections Code proposed by AB 1921 that would become operative only if AB 1921 and this bill are both chaptered and this bill is chaptered last.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the California Voter's Choice Act.

SEC. 2. Section 3017 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

3017. (a) All vote by mail ballots cast under this division shall be voted on or before the day of the election. After marking the ballot, the vote by mail voter shall do any of the following: (1) return the ballot by mail or in person to the elections official who issued the ballot, (2) return the ballot in person to a member of a precinct board at a polling place or vote center within the state, or (3) return the ballot to a vote by mail ballot dropoff location within the state that is provided pursuant to Section 3025 or 4005. However, a vote by mail voter who is unable to return the ballot may designate his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or a person residing in the same household as the vote by mail voter to return the ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot, to the precinct board at a polling place or vote center within the state, or to a vote by mail ballot dropoff location within the state that is provided pursuant to Section 3025 or 4005. The ballot must, however, be received by the elections official who issued the ballot, the precinct board, or the vote by mail ballot dropoff location before the close of the polls on election day. If a vote by mail ballot is returned to a precinct board at a polling place or vote center, or to a vote by mail ballot dropoff location, that is located in a county that is not the county of the elections official who issued the ballot, the elections official for the county in which the vote by mail ballot is returned shall forward the ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot no later than eight days after receipt.

(b) The elections official shall establish procedures to ensure the secrecy of a ballot returned to a precinct polling place and the security, confidentiality, and integrity of any personal information collected, stored, or otherwise used pursuant to this section.

(c) On or before March 1, 2008, the elections official shall establish procedures to track and confirm the receipt of voted vote by mail ballots and to make this information available by means of online access using the county’s elections division Internet Web site. If the county does not have an elections division Internet Web site, the elections official shall establish a toll-free telephone number that may be used to confirm the date a voted vote by mail ballot was received.
(d) The provisions of this section are mandatory, not directory, and a ballot shall not be counted if it is not delivered in compliance with this section.

(e) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a vote by mail voter’s ballot shall not be returned by a paid or volunteer worker of a general purpose committee, controlled committee, independent expenditure committee, political party, candidate’s campaign committee, or any other group or organization at whose behest the individual designated to return the ballot is performing a service. However, this subdivision does not apply to a candidate or a candidate’s spouse.

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(e) (1) A person designated to return a vote by mail ballot shall not receive any form of compensation based on the number of ballots that the person has returned and no individual, group, or organization shall provide compensation on this basis.

(2) For purposes of this paragraph, “compensation” means any form of monetary payment, goods, services, benefits, promises or offers of employment, or any other form of consideration offered to another person in exchange for returning another voter’s vote by mail ballot.

(3) Any person in charge of a vote by mail ballot and who knowingly and willingly engages in criminal acts related to that ballot as described in Division 18 (commencing with Section 18000), including, but not limited to, fraud, bribery, intimidation, and tampering with or failing to
deliver the ballot in a timely fashion, is subject to the appropriate punishment specified in that division.

SEC. 3. Section 4005 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

4005. (a) Notwithstanding Section 4000 or any other law, on or after January 1, 2018, the Counties of Calaveras, Inyo, Madera, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sierra, Sutter, and Tuolumne, and, except as provided in Section 4007, on or after January 1, 2020, any county may conduct any election as an all-mailed ballot election if all of the following apply:

(1) (A) At least two ballot dropoff locations are provided within the jurisdiction where the election is held or the number of ballot dropoff locations are fixed in a manner so that there is at least one ballot dropoff location provided for every 15,000 registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, as determined on the 88th day before the day of the election, whichever results in more ballot dropoff locations. For purposes of this subparagraph, a vote center that includes an exterior ballot drop box counts only as a single ballot dropoff location. Ballot dropoff locations shall comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 3025.

(B) A ballot dropoff location provided for under this section consists of a secure, accessible, and locked ballot box located as near as possible to established public transportation routes and that is able to receive voted ballots. All ballot dropoff locations shall be open at least during regular business hours beginning not less than 28 days before the day of the election, and on the day of the election. At least one ballot dropoff location shall be an accessible, secured, exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours per day including regular business hours.

(2) (A) The county elections official permits a voter residing in the county to do any of the following at a vote center:

(i) Return, or vote and return, his or her vote by mail ballot.

(ii) Register to vote, update his or her voter registration, and vote pursuant to Section 2170.

(iii) Receive and vote a provisional ballot pursuant to Section 3016 or Article 5 (commencing with Section 14310) of Chapter 3 of Division 14.

(iv) Receive a replacement ballot upon verification that a ballot for the same election has not been received from the voter by the county elections official. If the county elections official is unable to determine if a ballot for the same election has been received from the voter, the county elections official may issue a provisional ballot.

(v) Vote a regular, provisional, or replacement ballot using accessible voting equipment that provides for a private and independent voting experience.

(B) Each vote center shall have at least three voting machines that are accessible to voters with disabilities.

(3) (A) On the day of the election, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., inclusive, and on each of the three days before the election, for a minimum of eight hours per day, at least one vote center is provided for every 10,000 registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, as determined on the 88th day before the day of the election. At least 90 percent of the number of vote centers required by this subparagraph shall be open for all four days during the required
times. Up to 10 percent of the number of vote centers required by this subparagraph may be open for less than four days if at least one vote center is provided for every 10,000 registered voters on each day.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), for a jurisdiction with fewer than 20,000 registered voters, a minimum of two voter centers are provided on the day of the election and on each of the three days before the election within the jurisdiction where the election is held.

(4) (A) Beginning 10 days before the day of the election and continuing daily up to and including the fourth day before the election, for a minimum of eight hours per day, at least one vote center is provided for every 50,000 registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, as determined on the 88th day before the day of the election.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), for a jurisdiction with fewer than 50,000 registered voters, a minimum of two vote centers are provided within the jurisdiction where the election is held.

(C) The vote centers provided under this section are established in accordance with the accessibility requirements described in Article 5 (commencing with Section 12280) of Chapter 3 of Division 12, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.), and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(D) The vote centers provided under this section are equitably distributed across the county so as to afford maximally convenient options for voters and are established at accessible locations as near as possible to established public transportation routes. The vote centers shall be equipped with voting units or systems that are accessible to individuals with disabilities and that provide the same opportunity for access and participation as is provided to voters who are not disabled, including the ability to vote privately and independently in accordance with Sections 12280 and 19240.

(E) (i) The vote centers provided under this section have an electronic mechanism for the county elections official to immediately access, at a minimum, all of the following voter registration data:

(I) Name.

(II) Address.

(III) Date of birth.

(IV) Language preference.

(V) Party preference.

(VI) Precinct.

(VII) Whether or not the voter has been issued a vote by mail ballot and whether or not a ballot has been received by the county elections official.

(ii) The electronic mechanism used to access voter registration data shall not be connected in any way to a voting system.

(5) A method is available for voters with disabilities to request and receive a blank vote by mail ballot and, if a replacement ballot is necessary, a blank replacement ballot that voters with
disabilities can read and mark privately and independently pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.).

(6) (A) Except as otherwise provided for in this section, election boards for the vote centers established under this section meet the requirements for eligibility and composition pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 4 of Division 12.

(B) Each vote center provides language assistance in all languages required in the jurisdiction under subdivision (c) of Section 12303 or Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.) in a manner that enables voters of the applicable language minority groups to participate effectively in the electoral process. Each vote center shall post information regarding the availability of language assistance in English and all other languages for which language assistance is required to be provided in the jurisdiction under subdivision (c) of Section 12303 or Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(i) If a vote center is located in, or adjacent to, a precinct, census tract, or other defined geographical subsection required to establish language requirements under subdivision (c) of Section 12303 or Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.), or if it is identified as needing language assistance through the public input process described in clause (ii), the county elections official shall ensure that the vote center is staffed by election board members who speak the required language. If the county elections official is unable to recruit election board members who speak the required language, alternative methods of effective language assistance shall be provided by the county elections official.

(ii) The county elections official shall solicit public input regarding which vote centers should be staffed by election board members who are fluent in a language in addition to English pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 12303 and Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(iii) The county elections official shall provide notice in the sample ballot, in vote by mail materials, and on his or her Internet Web site of the specific language services available at each vote center.

(C) Each vote center provides election materials translated in all languages required in the jurisdiction under subdivision (c) of Section 14201 and Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(D) Each vote center provides reasonable modifications and auxiliary aids and services as required by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.) and the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq.).

(7) (A) Beginning 10 days before the election, the county elections official maintains, in an electronic format, an index of voters who have done any of the following at one of the voter centers established pursuant to this section:

(i) Registered to vote or updated his or her voter registration.

(ii) Received and voted a provisional ballot or replacement ballot.

(iii) Voted a ballot using equipment at the vote center.

(B) The index required by subparagraph (A) includes the same information for each voter as is required to be included on copies of the index of affidavits of voter registration that are posted
pursuant to Section 14294. The index required by subparagraph (A) shall be updated continuously during any time that a vote center is open in the jurisdiction.

(8) (A) Beginning 29 days before the day of the election, the county elections official mails to each registered voter a vote by mail ballot packet that includes a return envelope with instructions for the use and return of the vote by mail ballot.

(B) The county elections official delivers to each voter, with either the sample ballot sent pursuant to Section 13303 or with the vote by mail ballot packet, all of the following:

(i) A notice, translated in all languages required under subdivision (c) of Section 14201 and Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.), that informs voters of all of the following:

(I) An all-mailed ballot election is being conducted and each eligible voter will be issued a vote by mail ballot by mail.

(II) The voter may cast a vote by mail ballot in person at a vote center during the times and days specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (4) or on election day.

(III) No later than seven days before the day of the election, the voter may request the county elections official to send a vote by mail ballot in a language other than English pursuant to Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.) or a facsimile copy of the ballot printed in a language other than English pursuant to Section 14201.

(IV) No later than seven days before the day of the election, the voter may request the county elections official to send or deliver a ballot that voters with disabilities can read and mark privately and independently pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.).

(ii) A list of the ballot dropoff locations and vote centers established pursuant to this section, including the dates and hours they are open. The list shall also be posted on the Internet Web site of the county elections official in a format that is accessible for people with disabilities pursuant to Section 11135 of the Government Code.

(iii) A postage-paid postcard that the voter may return to the county elections official for the purpose of requesting a vote by mail ballot in a language other than English or for the purpose of requesting a vote by mail ballot in an accessible format.

(C) Upon request, the county elections official provides written voting materials to voters with disabilities in an accessible format, as required by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.) and the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq.).

(9) (A) The county elections official establishes a language accessibility advisory committee that is comprised of representatives of language minority communities. The committee shall be established no later than October 1 of the year before the first election conducted pursuant to this section. The committee shall hold its first meeting no later than April 1 of the year in which the first election is conducted pursuant to this section.

(B) The county elections official establishes a voting accessibility advisory committee that is comprised of voters with disabilities. The committee shall be established no later than October 1 of the year before the first election conducted pursuant to this section. The committee shall
hold its first meeting no later than April 1 of the year in which the first election is conducted pursuant to this section.

(C) A county with fewer than 50,000 registered voters may establish a joint advisory committee for language minority communities and voters with disabilities.

(10) (A) The county elections official develops a draft plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section in consultation with the public, including both of the following:

(i) One meeting, publicly noticed at least 10 days in advance of the meeting, that includes representatives, advocates, and other stakeholders representing each community for which the county is required to provide voting materials and assistance in a language other than English under subdivision (c) of Section 14201 and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(ii) One meeting, publicly noticed at least 10 days in advance of the meeting, that includes representatives from the disability community and community organizations and individuals that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to, individuals with disabilities.

(B) The county elections official, when developing the draft plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section, considers, at a minimum, all of the following:

(i) Vote center and ballot dropoff location proximity to public transportation.

(ii) Vote center and ballot dropoff location proximity to communities with historically low vote by mail usage.

(iii) Vote center and ballot dropoff location proximity to population centers.

(iv) Vote center and ballot dropoff location proximity to language minority communities.

(v) Vote center and ballot dropoff location proximity to voters with disabilities.

(vi) Vote center and ballot dropoff location proximity to communities with low rates of household vehicle ownership.

(vii) Vote center and ballot dropoff location proximity to low-income communities.

(viii) Vote center and ballot dropoff location proximity to communities of eligible voters who are not registered to vote and may need access to same day voter registration.

(ix) Vote center and ballot dropoff location proximity to geographically isolated populations, including Native American reservations.

(x) Access to accessible and free parking at vote centers and ballot dropoff locations.

(xi) The distance and time a voter must travel by car or public transportation to a vote center and ballot dropoff location.

(xii) The need for alternate methods for voters with disabilities for whom vote by mail ballots are not accessible to cast a ballot.

(xiii) Traffic patterns near vote centers and ballot dropoff locations.

(xiv) The need for mobile vote centers in addition to the number of vote centers established pursuant to this section.
(C) The county elections official publicly notices the draft plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section and accepts public comments on the draft plan for at least 14 days before the hearing held pursuant to subparagraph (D).

(D) (i) Following the 14-day review period required by subparagraph (C), the county elections official holds a public meeting to consider the draft plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section and to accept public comments. The meeting shall be publicly noticed at least 10 days in advance of the meeting on the Internet Web sites of the clerk of the county board of supervisors and the county elections official, or, if neither the clerk of the county board of supervisors nor the county elections official maintain an Internet Web site, in the office of the county elections official.

(ii) After the public hearing to consider the draft plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section and to accept public comments, the county elections official shall consider any public comments he or she receives from the public and shall amend the draft plan in response to the public comments to the extent he or she deems appropriate. The county elections official shall publicly notice the amended draft plan and shall accept public comments on the amended draft plan for at least 14 days before the county elections official may adopt the amended draft plan pursuant to subparagraph (E).

(E) (i) Following the 14-day review and comment period required by clause (ii) of subparagraph (D), the county elections official may adopt a final plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section, and shall submit the voter education and outreach plan that is required by clause (i) of subparagraph (I) to the Secretary of State for approval.

(ii) The Secretary of State shall approve, approve with modifications, or reject a voter education and outreach plan submitted pursuant to clause (i) of subparagraph (I) within 14 days after the plan is submitted by the county elections official.

(iii) The draft plan, the amended draft plan, and the adopted final plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section shall be posted on the Internet Web site of the county elections official in each language in which the county is required to provide voting materials and assistance under subdivision (c) of Section 14201 and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.), and the Secretary of State’s Internet Web site in a format that is accessible for people with disabilities pursuant to Section 11135 of the Government Code.

(F) Public meetings held pursuant to this paragraph shall, upon request, provide auxiliary aids and services to ensure effective communication with people with disabilities.

(G) Within two years of the adoption of the first plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section, the county elections official shall hold public meetings in accordance with the procedures described in subparagraphs (C) to (F), inclusive, to consider revising the first plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section. Every four years thereafter, the county elections official shall hold public meetings in accordance with the procedures described in subparagraphs (C) to (F), inclusive, to consider revising the plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section.

(H) (i) With reasonable public notification, a county elections official may amend a plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section no more than 120 days before the date of an election held pursuant to this section.
(ii) With reasonable public notification, a county elections official may amend a plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section more than 120 days before the date of an election held pursuant to this section if he or she provides at least 30 days to accept public comments on the amended plan.

(I) The plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section, includes all of the following:

(i) A voter education and outreach plan that is approved by the Secretary of State and that includes all of the following:

(I) A description of how the county elections official will use the media, including social media, newspapers, radio, and television that serve language minority communities for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline.

(II) A description of how the county elections official will use the media, including social media, newspapers, radio, and television for purposes of informing voters of the availability of a vote by mail ballot in an accessible format and the process for requesting such a ballot.

(III) A description of how the county elections official will have a community presence to educate voters regarding the provisions of this section.

(IV) A description of the accessible information that will be publicly available on the accessible Internet Web site of the county elections official.

(V) A description of the method used by the county elections official to identify language minority voters.

(VI) A description of how the county elections official will educate and communicate the provisions of this section to the public, including:

(ia) Communities for which the county is required to provide voting materials and assistance in a language other than English under subdivision (c) of Section 14201 and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.). The county elections official shall hold at least one bilingual voter education workshop for each language in which the county is required to provide voting materials and assistance in a language other than English under subdivision (c) of Section 14201 and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(ib) The disability community, including organizations and individuals that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to, individuals with disabilities. The county elections official shall hold at least one voter education workshop to increase accessibility and participation of eligible voters with disabilities.

(VII) A description of how the county will spend the necessary resources on voter education and outreach to ensure that voters are fully informed about the election. This description shall include information about the amount of money the county plans to spend on voter education and outreach activities under the plan, and how that compares to the amount of money spent on voter education and outreach in recent similar elections in the same jurisdiction that were not conducted pursuant to this section.

(VIII) At least one public service announcement in the media, including newspapers, radio, and television, that serve English-speaking citizens for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline. Outreach made under
this subclause shall include access for voters who are deaf or hard of hearing and voters who are blind or visually impaired.

(IX) At least one public service announcement in the media, including newspapers, radio, and television, that serve non-English-speaking citizens for each language in which the county is required to provide voting materials and assistance under subdivision (c) of Section 14201 and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.) for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline.

(X) At least two direct contacts with voters for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline. The two direct contacts are in addition to any other required contacts including, but not limited to, sample ballots and the delivery of vote by mail ballots.

(ii) A description of how a voter with disabilities may request and receive a blank vote by mail ballot and, if a replacement ballot is necessary, a blank replacement ballot that a voter with disabilities can mark privately and independently.

(iii) A description of how the county elections official will address significant disparities in voter accessibility and participation identified in the report required by subdivision (g).

(iv) A description of the methods and standards that the county elections official will use to ensure the security of voting conducted at vote centers.

(v) Information about estimated short-term and long-term costs and savings from conducting elections pursuant to this section as compared to recent similar elections in the same jurisdiction that were not conducted pursuant to this section.

(vi) To the extent available at the time of publication, information on all of the following:

(I) The total number of vote centers to be established.

(II) The total number of ballot dropoff locations to be established.

(III) The location of each vote center.

(IV) The location of each ballot dropoff location and whether it is inside or outside.

(V) A map of the locations of each vote center and ballot dropoff location.

(VI) The hours of operation for each vote center.

(VII) The hours of operation for each ballot dropoff location.

(VIII) The security and contingency plans that would be implemented by the county elections official to do both of the following:

(ia) Prevent a disruption of the vote center process.

(ib) Ensure that the election is properly conducted if a disruption occurs.

(IX) The number of election board members and the number of bilingual election board members and the languages spoken.

(X) The services provided to voters with disabilities, including, but not limited to, the type and number of accessible voting machines and reasonable modifications at each vote center.
(XI) The design, layout, and placement of equipment inside each voter center that protects each voter’s right to cast a private and independent ballot.

(vii) A toll-free voter assistance hotline that is accessible to voters who are deaf or hard of hearing, and that is maintained by the county elections official that is operational no later than 29 days before the day of the election until 5 p.m. on the day after the election. The toll-free voter assistance hotline shall provide assistance to voters in all languages in which the county is required to provide voting materials and assistance under subdivision (c) of Section 14201 and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(J) The plan for the administration of elections conducted pursuant to this section is posted in a format that is accessible to persons with disabilities on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State and on the Internet Web site of the county elections official.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 4000 or any other law, on or after January 1, 2018, the Counties of Calaveras, Inyo, Madera, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sierra, Sutter, and Tuolumne, and on or after January 1, 2020, any county may conduct a special election as an all-mailed ballot election under this section if all of the following apply:

1. The county elections official has done either of the following:
   A. Previously conducted an election as an all-mailed ballot election in accordance with subdivision (a).
   B. Adopted a final plan for the administration of elections pursuant to clause (i) of subparagraph (E) of paragraph (9) of subdivision (a), in which case the county elections official shall complete all activities provided for in the voter education and outreach plan that is required by clause (i) of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (9) of subdivision (a) before the day of the special election.

2. (A) On the day of election, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., inclusive, at least one vote center is provided for every 30,000 registered voters. If the jurisdiction is not wholly contained within the county, the county elections official shall make a reasonable effort to establish a vote center within the jurisdiction where the special election is held.
   B. Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), for a jurisdiction with fewer than 30,000 registered voters, the county elections official makes a reasonable effort to establish a vote center.

3. (A) Not less than 10 days before the day of the election, for a minimum of eight hours per day, at least one vote center is provided for every 60,000 registered voters. If the jurisdiction is not wholly contained within the county, the county elections official shall make a reasonable effort to establish a vote center within the jurisdiction where the special election is held.
   B. Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), for a jurisdiction with fewer than 30,000 registered voters, the county elections official makes a reasonable effort to establish a vote center.

4. (A) At least one ballot dropoff location is provided for every 15,000 registered voters. At least one ballot dropoff location shall be located within the jurisdiction where the special election is held. All ballot dropoff locations shall be open at least during regular business hours beginning not less than 28 days before the day of the election, and on the day of the election.
   B. Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), for a jurisdiction with fewer than 15,000 registered voters, at least one ballot dropoff location shall be provided.
(c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the election day procedures shall be conducted in accordance with Division 14 (commencing with Section 14000).

(d) The county elections official may provide, at his or her discretion, additional ballot dropoff locations and vote centers for purposes of this section.

(e) The return of voted vote by mail ballots is subject to Sections 3017 and 3020.

(f) For the sole purpose of reporting the results of an election conducted pursuant to this section, upon completion of the ballot count, the county elections official shall divide the jurisdiction into precincts pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 12220) of Chapter 3 of Division 12 and shall prepare a statement of the results of the election in accordance with Sections 15373 and 15374.

(g) (1) (A) Within six months of each election conducted pursuant to this section or Section 4007, the Secretary of State shall report to the Legislature, to the extent possible, all of the following information by categories of race, ethnicity, language preference, age, gender, disability, permanent vote by mail status, historical polling place voters, political party affiliation, and language minorities as it relates to the languages required under subdivision (c) of Section 14201 and Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.):

(i) Voter turnout.

(ii) Voter registration.

(iii) Ballot rejection rates.

(iv) Reasons for ballot rejection.

(v) Provisional ballot use.

(vi) Accessible vote by mail ballot use.

(vii) The number of votes cast at each vote center.

(viii) The number of ballots returned at ballot dropoff locations.

(ix) The number of ballots returned by mail.

(x) The number of persons who registered to vote at a vote center.

(xi) Instances of voter fraud.

(xii) Any other problems that became known to the county elections official or the Secretary of State during the election or canvass.

(B) The report required by subparagraph (A) shall be posted on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State in a format that is accessible for people with disabilities pursuant to Section 11135 of the Government Code.

(C) The report required by subparagraph (A) shall be submitted to the Legislature in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(D) If an election is conducted pursuant to this section, the county shall submit, to the extent possible, to the Secretary of State the information needed for the Secretary of State to prepare the report required by subparagraph (A).
(2) The county elections official shall post on his or her Internet Web site a report that compares the cost of elections conducted pursuant to this section to the costs of previous elections. The report shall be posted in a format that is accessible for people with disabilities pursuant to Section 11135 of the Government Code.

(h) The Secretary of State shall enforce the provisions of this section pursuant to Section 12172.5 of the Government Code.

(i) For purposes of this section, “disability” has the same meaning as defined in subdivisions (j), (m), and (n) of Section 12926 of the Government Code.

SEC. 4. Section 4006 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

4006. For any election conducted pursuant to Section 4005, the county elections official shall make a reasonable effort to inform a voter of either of the following:

(a) If the voter’s vote by mail ballot envelope is missing a signature.

(b) How the voter can correct the missing signature.

SEC. 5. Section 4007 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

4007. (a) On or after January 1, 2020, the County of Los Angeles may conduct any election as a vote center election if all of the following apply:

(1) The county elections official complies with all the provisions of subdivision (a) of Section 4005 that are not inconsistent with this section.

(2) Every permanent vote by mail voter receives a ballot.

(3) At least two ballot dropoff locations are provided within the jurisdiction where the election is held or the number of ballot dropoff locations are fixed in a manner so that there is at least one ballot dropoff location provided for every 15,000 permanent vote by mail registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, as determined on the 88th day before the day of the election, whichever results in more ballot dropoff locations.

(4) Within the jurisdiction where the election is held, at least one vote center is provided for each city that has at least 1,000 registered voters according to the official report of registration submitted by the county elections official to the Secretary of State before the last general election.

(5) On the day of the election, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., inclusive, and on each of the three days before the election, for a minimum of eight hours per day, at least one vote center is provided for every 7,500 registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, as determined on the 88th day before the day of the election. At least 90 percent of the number of vote centers required by this subparagraph shall be open for all four days during the required times. Up to 10 percent of the number of vote centers required by this subparagraph may be open for less than four days if at least one vote center is provided for every 7,500 registered voters on each day.

(6) Beginning 10 days before the day of the election and continuing up to and including the fourth day before the day of the election, for a minimum of eight hours per day, at least one vote center is provided for every 30,000 registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, as determined on the 88th day before the election.
(7) Precincts with fewer than 500 registered voters are designated as all vote-by-mail ballot precincts.

(8) Voters residing in a legislative or congressional district that lies partially within the County of Los Angeles and that also lies within another county that is conducting an election pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 4005 receive a vote by mail ballot if they are eligible to vote in that election.

(9) Voters in a precinct that is either more than a 30 minute travel time from a vote center or in which the polling place in the most recent statewide general election is more than 15 miles from the nearest vote center are mailed a vote by mail ballot.

(10) The vote centers are located within a reasonable travel time of registered voters.

(11) The county elections official conducts a service area analysis of the vote center plans, identifies services gaps, and publicly reports those findings.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 4000 or any other law, on or after January 1, 2020, the County of Los Angeles may conduct a special election as an all-mailed ballot election pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 4005.

(c) No later than four years after conducting the first vote center election pursuant to this section, the County of Los Angeles may conduct all-mailed ballot elections pursuant to Section 4005 and shall not conduct vote center elections pursuant to this section.

SEC. 6. Section 4008 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

4008. (a) The Secretary of State shall establish a taskforce that includes representatives of all of the following:

(1) County elections officials.

(2) Individuals with demonstrated language accessibility experience for languages covered under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(3) The disability community and community organizations and individuals that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to, individuals with disabilities.

(4) Experts with demonstrated experience in the field of elections.

(b) The taskforce shall review elections conducted pursuant to Section 4005 or 4007 and provide comments and recommendations to the Legislature within six months of each election conducted pursuant to Section 4005 or 4007.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2022, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2022, deletes or extends that date.
SEC. 7. Section 15320 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

15320. Vote by mail ballots and mail ballot precinct ballots returned to the elections office and to the polls on election day that are not included in the semifinal official canvass phase of the election, including any ballots returned to another jurisdiction in the state and forwarded to the elections official who issued the ballot pursuant to Section 3017, shall be processed and counted during the official canvass in the manner prescribed by Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 15100) and pursuant to the requirements of Section 3019.

SEC. 8. Section 2.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 3017 of the Elections Code proposed by both this bill and Assembly Bill 1921. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2017, (2) each bill amends Section 3017 of the Elections Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 1921, in which case Section 2 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 9. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.