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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *September 22, 2020*

DATE: Thursday, September 17, 2020
TO: Board of County Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Accept Registrar of Voters' report of the Early Voting location and schedule for the 2020 General Election per NRS 293.3561 (2b). (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Accept Registrar of Voters' report of the Early Voting location and schedule for the 2020 General Election per NRS 293.3561 (2b).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our community

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

With the passage of Assembly Bill 4 (AB 4) during the 32nd Legislative Special Session, along with COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) and Federal, State and County directives regarding the health and safety of all Nevada citizens in response to this pandemic, all active registered voters in Nevada will be mailed a ballot for the November 3, 2020 General election.

However, unlike the Primary Election this year, Washoe County will also be providing 15 Early Voting locations for in-person voting and 29 in-person locations on Election Day. There will also be 15 ballot drop off locations during Early Voting and on Election Day. In addition, all Early Voting and Election Day in-person polling locations will also be able to accept the submission of mail-in ballots at their locations as well.

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Voters have more options than ever for casting their ballots. They may vote in-person during Early Voting or on Election Day or they may cast their mail-in ballot and return that ballot by mail through the US Postal Service, drop their ballot off at any in-person voting location or established drop off location throughout Washoe County, or return their ballot in person to the Registrar of Voters Office. This will allow voters more choices for voting in this General Election according to their preference.

FISCAL IMPACT

Early Voting for the 2020 General Election is estimated to cost approximately \$366,500 for expenses such as poll worker pay, enhanced security and safety precautions, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other miscellaneous expenses to operate all of our Early Voting and ballot drop off locations during the full two-week period. These expenses are currently allowed for in the Registrar of Voters election budget, C112210. Possible reimbursements from Federal and State funds are actively being sought to supplement the Registrar of Voters budget for election and safety costs related to COVID 19.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept Registrar of Voters' report of the Early Voting location and schedule for the 2020 General Election per NRS 293.3561 (2b).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "move to accept Registrar of Voters' report of the Early Voting location and schedule for the 2020 General Election per NRS 293.3561 (2b)."