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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: *July 7, 2022*

DATE: Thursday July 7, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Pursuant to NAC 293.365 and NRS chapter 293, Declaration of Canvass of Vote (Recount of Republican Gubernatorial Primary) If approved, direct staff to submit results to the Secretary of State's Office and execute Order of the Recount. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Pursuant to NAC 293.365 and NRS chapter 293, the Board of County Commissioners shall canvass the June 30, 2022 recount of Republican Governor race.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Innovative Services

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 28, 2022, candidate Joey Gilbert requested a recount of the June 14, 2022 Primary Election results for the Republican Governor race. With 46,996 votes cast in that race, the winner (Joe Lombardo) received 15,051 and the requester received 14,743 votes for a margin of 308 votes. NRS 29.403, 293.404 and 293.405 provide guidelines by which a candidate can request a recount of election results. NAC 293.365 requires the Board of County Commissioners to canvass the returns from recounts in the county. During this public meeting, the board has the opportunity for a review of the recount results and the opportunity to note errors within the results. After the board is satisfied it can declare the results presented represents the true vote cast. After the returns are canvassed, the board has the duty to direct the Washoe County Registrar of Voters to enter upon the records of the county an abstract of the results containing the number of votes cast for each candidate and to have the registrar certify the abstract. Approving the attached order satisfied that duty.

BACKGROUND

NRS 293.403 sets forth the ability to request a recount of an election by a defeated candidate, that said candidate must pay for the costs associated with conducting a recount and other provisions.

NRS 293.404 states sets that must occur with the procedures of the recount. This includes a certification board and notes that the recount must occur in the same manner that the original election occurred.

NRS 293.405 sets forth how the costs of a recount are determined, as well as that the recount must begin within 5 days after the demand and must be completed within 5 days after it has begun.

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NAC293.365 determines the conduct of the canvass required by the board or county commissioners.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for this item. The candidate is required to provide a deposit of the estimated costs at the time of filing the Demand for Recount. These costs were submitted to the Secretary of State who collected the deposit. Upon confirmation of final costs those funds will come to the county and any over payment will go back to the candidate. Unless the contest changes and the candidate wins the recount, then all funds are returned to the candidate.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed Declaration of Canvass of Recount of Republican Governor Primary Election and order for the 2022 Republican Governor Primary Recount. the Vote and Order for the 2022 Primary Election.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "Move to approve the Recount of Republican Governor Primary and Order for the 2022 Republican Governor Primary".