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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026

DATE: Tuesday, July 21, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the Registrar of Voters' selection of Early Voting and Election Day vote centers for the 2026 General Election, as required by NRS 293.3561(2)(b). Voters. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Nevada law requires the Registrar of Voters to establish polling places for in-person Early Voting and Election Day voting (NRS 293.2731). The Registrar of Voters must also inform the Board of County Commissioners of the sites selected as polling places for early voting by personal appearance (NRS 293.3561(2)(b)).

Early Voting begins on Saturday, October 17, 2026, and continues through Friday, October 30, 2026. During this period, there will be 18 Early Voting locations available, as well as 2 locations designated exclusively for mail ballot drop-box voting.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, voters may cast their ballots at any of the 41 polling locations, including 5 super centers, as well as 1 location designated exclusively for mail ballot drop-box voting throughout Washoe County. A super center is designed to enhance the voter experience by providing significantly greater capacity through additional voting equipment and election workers to streamline the voter experience.

Each of these polling places will operate as Vote Centers, meaning any registered voter in Washoe County may vote at the location of their choosing. At each location, voters will be able to either drop off their mail ballot or vote in person using ballot marking devices (BMDs).

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

April 23, 2024 – Board of County Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Registrar of Voters’ selection of the Early Voting and Election Day polling place locations and schedule for the 2024 Primary Election.

April 14, 2026 – Board of County Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Registrar of Voters’ selection of the Early Voting and Election Day polling place locations and schedule for the 2026 Primary Election.

BACKGROUND

Each election cycle, the Registrar of Voters seeks to meet the demand for Early Voting and Election Day voting by providing an adequate number of locations to ensure voters in each geographic area of the community have access to a voting location near their home or place of work.

Election Day polling locations are distributed throughout the county to provide broad access to voting opportunities for all eligible registered voters in Washoe County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Early Voting and Election Day Vote Centers for the 2026 General Election are estimated to cost approximately \$450,000. These costs include election worker compensation, enhanced security and safety measures, and other operational expenses necessary to support Early Voting, Election Day, and mail ballot drop-off locations throughout the two-week Early Voting period and on Election Day.

Sufficient budget authority is available in the FY27 Elections Administration budget (112210).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the Registrar of Voters’ selection of Early Voting and Election Day polling place locations for the 2026 General Election, as required by NRS 293.3561(2)(b).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to acknowledge the Registrar of Voters’ selection of Early Voting and Election Day vote centers for the 2026 General Election, as required by NRS 293.3561(2)(b).”*