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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *January 16, 2024*

DATE: Wednesday, January 10, 2024
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Cari-Ann Burgess, Interim Registrar of Voters
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THROUGH: Eric Brown

SUBJECT: Recommendation that the Washoe County Board of Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the updated Registrar of Voters selection of the Early Voting locations and schedule for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election, to include the Spanish Springs Library at 7100 A Pyramid Lane Hwy in Sparks and Sparks Library at 1125 12th St. Sparks, as required by NRS 293.3561(2)(b). (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

This will be the first Presidential Preference Primary Election in Nevada, replacing the caucus selection of delegates for the 2 major parties. (NRS Chapter 298). This election is only open to registered voters who have party affiliations with the two major parties, Democratic and Republican.

Nevada law requires the Registrar of Voters to establish polling places for in-person early voting. NRS 298.690(1)(b). The Registrar of Voters must, per NRS 293.3561(2)(b), inform the Board of County Commissioners of the sites selected as polling places for early voting by personal appearance. For early voting, January 27, 2024, through February 2, 2024, there will be 15 permanent polling places for early voting, and one temporary branch polling place for early voting on an Indian reservation. As required by NRS 293.3564, any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance may do so at any polling place for early voting. At these locations voters will be able to drop off their mail ballots or cast their vote in person using the ICX Prime election tablets.

Since the sites selected as permanent and temporary polling places for early voting by personal appearance was previously presented to the Board on December 19, 2023, two additional locations have been identified. These locations are Spanish Springs Library and Sparks Library. Both are located in Sparks. The total number of polling locations for early voting will be 16.

PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

December 19, 2023 - Board of County Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Registrar of Voters' selection of early voting locations and schedule for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election, as required by NRS 293.3561(2)(b).

BACKGROUND

Early voting has become increasingly popular with voters. Each election cycle, the Registrar seeks to meet the demands for early voting by supplying an adequate number of locations that will allow voters in each geographical area of the community to access a location near their home or place of work.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of elections workers for these additional locations were included in the estimated cost of approximately \$1,758,912 that was presented at the December 19, 2023 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to acknowledge receipt of the updated Registrar of Voters selection of the Early Voting locations and schedule for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election, to include the Spanish Springs Library at 7100 A Pyramid Lane Hwy in Sparks and Sparks Library at 1125 12th St. Sparks, as required by NRS 293.3561(2)(b).