

RESOLUTION: _____

Authorized Measures to Increase Accuracy, Security, and Purity of Elections

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County received overwhelming public comment that expressed a desire to adopt proposals related to the accuracy, security, and purity of elections;

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 244.164 and WCC 5.451, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County created the office of Registrar of Voters, and appointed a Registrar of Voters to assume all of the powers and duties vested in and imposed upon the Clerk of the county with respect to elections, except the duties imposed by virtue of NRS 293.393 to make out and deliver certificates of election;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the authority of State and Federal law over many aspects of elections conducted by Washoe County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY,

Washoe County elections shall be conducted in a manner that follows the law, ensures accuracy and security, reduces opportunities of fraud, reduces outside influences, ensures responsible use of taxpayer dollars and resources, ensures the ascertainment by proper proofs of persons entitled to the right of suffrage, and preserves the purity of elections.

As allowed by law, measures to ensure accuracy, security, and purity may include the following:

1. Immediately correct the current voter registration list in verification with the USCIS SAVE program, National Change of Address (NCOA), and Washoe County Assessor and Vital records;
2. Ensure the strict use of Washoe County residents as poll workers;
3. Providing equitable and fair opportunities for observation;
4. Limiting private contributions per contributor to the Registrar's Office to \$2,500 per year;
5. Enacting any other measure that ensures the accuracy, security, and purity of elections;
6. Quarterly reporting by the Registrar of Voters of all measures, and improvements thereto, used to ensure accuracy, reporting, and purity of elections;
7. Utilizing stealth paper ballots as primary method of voting, with provision of one electronic voting kiosk for ADA qualified voters;
8. Ensure mail ballots are sent certified receipt so only intended voter takes possession of it;

9. Ensure ballot envelopes are scanned as "received" at intake stations connected in real time to voter database before being deposited into ballot boxes;
10. Ensure bipartisan teams, who are not married, are utilized throughout election processes, including but not limited to verification of registration applications, intake stations/ballot boxes, ballot pickup teams, sorting sealed envelopes into precincts, delivering sealed envelopes to precinct tables, opening envelopes, verifying signatures, counting ballots, tallying results, etc.;
11. Ensure bipartisan teams are approved by respective Central Committees of primary parties;
12. Ensure bipartisan teams are scheduled in two shifts (one morning/day, one afternoon/swing) for all positions;
13. Ensure there is a Nevada National Guard presence at each polling/ballot box location, as well as the central counting center;
14. Ensure the counting procedure is public and continues without adjournment until completed;
15. Ensure ballots are counted by hand in order to be counted by hand in a recount;
16. Ensure same day registrations are issued a paper provisional ballot of a different color than precinct paper ballots;
17. Ensure all voter registration forms are verified against the USCIS SAVE program, National Change of Address (NCOA), and Washoe County Assessor and Vital records BEFORE they are entered into the voter registration system;
18. Ensure registrations in voter registration system expire 5 years after registration/renewal;
19. Ensure renewal notifications are mailed in January to "active" electors whose registrations expire that year;
20. Ensure forensic material of elections is maintained for a period of 10 years.

Adopted this 22nd day of February 2022

Vaughn Hartung, Chairman
Washoe County Commissioner

ATTEST:

County Clerk