



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Keith Carson, Supervisor, 5th District

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TO: Each Member, Board of Supervisors & County Administrator

FROM: Keith Carson

SUBJECT: November 8, 2022, General Election

I would like to have entered into the record my recommendations as it relates to the current situation regarding the most recent County held election on November 8, 2022. Specifically, consideration of a recount with a focus on those elections whose outcome have been called into question in which Ranked Choice Voting elections were held Oakland Mayoral and Oakland Unified School Board elections as well as San Leandro Elections.

Recommendations:

1. Bring in an independent, third-party, non-Alameda County Register of Voters to oversee a manual recount of the election outcomes in question, (possibly a Register from an adjoining county). This would not prohibit Alameda County personnel from conducting the actual recount.
2. Alameda County Register of Voters office will cover the cost of this recount as it is being requested by elected members of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.
3. Identify a group of people to witness the entire recount process comprised of:
 - a. a representative from the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury
 - b. a representative of the League of Women Voters (Alameda County Chapter)
 - c. a representative from the Alameda County Republican party
 - d. a representative from the Alameda County Democratic party
 - e. a representative of any other political party qualified by the State of California with a recognized affiliate within Alameda County

These witnesses can call into question at the time of the recount anything that is considered of substance, asking the conducting Overseer/Register of Voters in charge to respond to questions regarding the process.

4. Invite observers from those campaigns that are part of elections being recounted. Observers can write down their concerns which could be considered/taken up after the entire recount is completed. This will allow the best opportunity to conduct the recount in a timely manner.

5. Conduct the recount within the statutory timeline that is outlined by the California Secretary of State's office or set up in the Constitution of the State of Calif. If a Judicial judgement is warranted, then we will adhere to those time frames.
6. Establish an Alameda County Elections Oversight Committee whose responsibilities will include pre-election outreach to interested parties, i.e., League of Women Voters, Alameda County Civil Grand Jury, State of California Qualified Political Parties, disability rights organizations, language access organizations, voting rights organizations; hold public meetings for any interested residents; serve as the central point of contact along with the Registrar of Voters to ensure that Alameda County holds the most transparent elections possible.