



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/19/2023

File #: 23-1580

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Arcata School District Special Election with the March 5, 2024 Statewide Primary Election

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Registrar of Voters to conduct the special election for Arcata School District;
2. Consolidate this election with the statewide Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024; and
3. Direct Arcata School District to reimburse the County of Humboldt for costs incurred.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Arcata School District

DISCUSSION:

On November 13, 2023, Arcata School District passed Resolution No. 2324-4 to place a General Obligation Bond Measure in the maximum amount of \$12,500,000, subject to approval of 55% of the votes cast by the qualified electorate. Further, Resolution No. 2324-4 requests the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors consolidate this election with the statewide Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024, directs County Election Officials to conduct the necessary election, and states that Arcata School District agrees to reimburse the County for all costs associated with the special election.

The question to be submitted to the voters shall read:

“To improve the quality of educational facilities; replace deteriorating plumbing/sewer systems; modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; and make health, safety and security improvements; shall Arcata School District’s measure be adopted to issue \$12,500,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, generating on average \$751,000 annually for issued bonds through maturity from levies of approximately \$30 per \$100,000 assessed value, with annual audits, independent citizens’ oversight, no money for salaries and all money for local schools?”

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Election consolidation will ultimately not impact the General Fund. All funds advanced by the General Fund will be fully reimbursed by Arcata School District.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

New Initiatives: Build interjurisdictional and regional cooperation

Strategic Plan: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Arcata School District

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may decide not to approve the consolidation of Arcata School District special election with the statewide Primary Election. This is not recommended as this request is compliant with Elections Code, Section 10403. Additionally, not consolidating the election would require the Office of Elections to conduct multiple elections simultaneously, increasing costs to both the County and District.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: ASD Resolution No. 2324-4 with cover sheet

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A