

July 22, 2024

Greetings Supervisors,

After reviewing all the speakers and the Supervisor's comments from the BOS meeting June 18th, 2024, I find myself both at a loss for words and full of so many comments that I can hardly contain them. As many recanted, it was like a Circus in the board room because we the people came to be heard by you. While the agenda item was not what we the people requested, some may say that you tried to appease us, so we should be satisfied. The truth of the matter is simple, there are many, non-paid, non-coerced citizens who do not trust the current methods we are using as our voting system. If there is a shred of doubt, it must be considered. If there is a perception of the vote being rigged, it must be investigated. Those of us who ask for this are not any of the foul names we have been called, we SIMPLY want transparency. We want to know without a shadow of a doubt that EVERY vote counts. Somehow, the ROV has not convinced us of that. Please opt out of the VCA.

What actually shocked me the most about that board meeting was Ms. Parvin's comment alluding to those of us who question the process as being overwhelmingly outnumbered, and to that she gave credit and validation.

What she did not consider was that many of them just read what was given to them to say, much of which were untruths. It was even brought to my attention that several speakers were being coached as to what to say, by county employees, on my dime. Simply because there were more that showed up does not imply anything at all.

It is my hope that we can RETURN to One Day voting like we have always done, and has never been a political issue, according to the Constitution. Within the authority of the Board, you can pass a resolution that makes elections one day and in small precincts. If people work that day and can't make it to the polling place, they can ask in advance for an Absentee Ballot. This is how it has always been done and it does not exclude any legal voter, regardless of race, sex, economic situation or job. Contrary to some loud people who have come into your meetings, the VCA has NOT in fact increased voter turnout. Do the research. Look at the real numbers.

Another slogan I have heard over and over again from those promoting the VCA is, "If it is not broken, don't fix it". Well, if we align with that statement, let's go back to the system that has actually worked for over 200 years. This one that we

recently started, VCA, IS NOT working and has lots of open doors for illegal voting practices, regardless to what you have been told. Please, look around and see the various ways the VCA makes cheating possible. Other counties in California have opted out for this reason. If there is a shred of doubt, it must be considered. If there is a perception of the vote being rigged, it must be investigated. Since it is a voluntary program that costs more and is less secure, I would think that you of all people would surely ban every part of it that is possible to ban.

While you did have County Counsel come and speak and tell you what you have jurisdiction over and what you do not have jurisdiction over, there was a lot left out of that report. Unfortunately, Ms. North is NOT non-partisan and that became quite evident when what she presented was only part of the truth. There are different types of lies. Outright lies to deceive, White lies to protect and Lies of Omission. Contrary to popular belief, they are all still lies. It would behoove you to get other interpretations of what you can and cannot do. While I know that your schedules are quite packed, knowing what you have the power to do in your job seems like it needs to be in the foundation, unfortunately, I am witness that it is not. Please ask for help if you need it but

get the full aspect of what you have jurisdiction over by someone who knows the law and is actually Non-partisan. Replacing Ms. North is not a bad idea. If Ventura County were my personal business, I would replace her.

How can this Board approve the funding for the ROV when a financial report and cost breakdown for the March primary election is still not produced for the citizens when they ask for it? That is not transparent. When I looked, on the ROV site, at numbers of how many ballots were sent out in March, 5000 extra ballots were sent out above and beyond the number of registered voters. Doesn't that seem odd to you? If there is a shred of doubt, it must be considered. If there is a perception of the vote being rigged, it must be investigated. In my experience of running business and all my schooling in finance, spending more for a lesser product is just plain foolish and fiscally irresponsible. The shutdowns in 2020 brought about these changes in full force. We are no longer living with the same societal concerns. Let's go back to an honest way of voting.

One Day all the way.

Save money.

Replace people on staff that don't give full truth.

More community involvement.

Absentee Ballots upon request.

Respectfully,

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