

July 23, 2024

Board of Supervisors
800 S. Victoria Ave
Ventura, Ca. 93009

Dear Board Members

SUBJECT: Public Comment Period, 7/23/24 meeting re:
An Insider's View of Elections Division

I am a temporary elections clerk who has worked in several countywide elections. As such, I have inside experience in the workings of the Elections Division from a neutral, third-party perspective. My experience is that the professional full-time staff, as well as the hundreds temporary workers, are fully committed to running fair, open elections. I have seen staff and workers go out of their way to help every voter understand the process, and to be able to vote if at all possible.

For most of the elections I was an "inspector", which means I managed a voting precinct. I never saw anything at my precinct or at the Government Center that gave me any pause or concern that the elections were being run in any way other than to the highest standards expected by the public and required by law.

Given this background, I fully support Ventura County continuing to implement the Voter's Choice Act. I have seen the Act in action from the inside, and at least in my experience, it works well; it achieves its purpose of being an open process and maximizing voting turnout while protecting the integrity of the voting process. The current system of the Elections Division works very well, and without any evidence to the contrary, I see no reason to change it.

Ventura County has an excellent, well run Elections Division. Please allow it to remain such by continuing its implementation of the Voter Choice Act; and not make unneeded, unsubstantiated changes.

Sincerely,

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