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1. The recommendation to establish a Ventura County Elections Advisory Committee (VCEAC) is an excellent action to take. However, in reading the draft resolution, I have concerns with the language as explained below:

Para. 3e: This paragraph can be interpreted as giving the Chair of the BOS the ultimate authority as to what the VCEAC does and does not do. I understand the advisory nature of the Committee; it will not have any legal authority and rightly so. However, it must have some level of independence to investigate issues and concerns regarding elections, or it will easily become just an adjunct to the BOS operations. I can understand a need to coordinate with the BOS, sharing information and prioritizing efforts, but that is not clear in how Paragraph 3e is currently written. I would recommend that this paragraph be re-written to clearly state what investigative and advisory authority the VCEAC has independent of the BOS and how it shall coordinate with the BOS.

Para. 4b: I would add that the Chair of the proposed VCEAC must approve the VCEAC meeting minutes prepared by the Secretary.

2. As Supervisor Gorell stated in, I believe, an October 2024 BOS meeting, he would have preferred a series of townhall meetings to solicit public feedback regarding the need to extend the Dominion Election Machine contract some two years in advance of its actual expiration date before it was actually extended. Following that thought process, I believe that having townhall meetings to address the formation and operation of the proposed VCEAC would be a good action to take. The feedback might add some refinements and improvements to the draft resolution as it stands.

Respectfully,

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