

From: [Betsy Patterson](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Voter's Choice Act vs "old" way of voting
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 4:46:49 PM

WARNING: If you believe this message may be malicious use the Phish Alert Button to report it or forward the message to Email.Security@ventura.org.

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Representatives from “Restore the Vote - Ventura” have given public comments over several months, demanding that the BOS reverse the “Voters Choice Act” in Ventura County. They have listed items that they think are fraught with insecurity, fraud, and even risks to national security. But, none of them has presented any proof of the validity of their concerns.

On June 4, 2024, for example, one claimed that, “an employee of Dominion went into the tabulation room and was seen sitting at a computer terminal just before the results were released...” but provided no evidence that a crime was committed. Why would anyone assume he was there to commit election fraud, change votes in some manner? This smells of conspiracy theory to me.

Another took issue with the CA Secretary of State’s website page that addresses misinformation - messages that confuse voters and sow distrust in the electoral process. The Rumor Control addresses many of the concerns voiced by Restore the Vote speakers, but they choose not to trust or believe the processes in place to assure our elections are safe and secure.

Many speakers called for a “Citizen Election Oversight Committee” - to do what SPECIFICALLY? To micromanage the job of the Elections Officer and her staff? To establish a citizen’s committee to do hand-counted audits? To watch over every step of the election process? Observers can already do that at all stages of the election. What will they do?

They suspect “bad behavior” related to drop boxes, pre-processing of ballots, delay in releasing the vote count, yet they provide no evidence for any of that behavior.

They call for opting out of the Voters Choice Act and re-instituting one-day voting at specific precinct voting polls; requiring photo ID with proof of address and citizenship for voting; paper voting rolls maintained at the precinct polls, and other suggested “improvements.” What is their proof that this system would be more secure, more transparent, more accurate, more accessible for all voters, and more protective of each person’s vote? None. Where is the proof that there is ANY voter or election fraud going on?

Please support our hard-working election staff and our duly elected County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar and speak out in support of the Voters Choice Act.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Patterson
Ojai, CA

