

The County Of Nevada



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Honorable Board of Supervisors
Eric Rood Administrative Center
950 Maidu Avenue
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DATE OF MEETING: May 22, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Stipend for Vote Center Staffing

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The total cost of this proposal is \$48,573.00, which represents 40 judges and 7 inspectors, each attending the required training. These costs were anticipated as part of the 2018 elections, and factored into the Election Department's budget. No additional general fund allocation is required.

BACKGROUND: California Election Code Section 12310 provides that precinct board members shall receive a stipend for services, as fixed by the Board of Supervisors, and that inspectors of the precinct board may receive additional compensation for services rendered in securing precinct board members and other duties which may be directed by the elections official. October 27, 2009, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, by Resolution 09-538, last approved a resolution increasing stipends for precinct board members.

Beginning with the upcoming Gubernatorial Primary Election on June 5, 2018, Nevada County Voters will find it easier to cast a ballot, thanks to the implementation of the New California Voter's Choice Act. Elections are all mail; every registered voter will receive a ballot in the mail beginning 28 days before the election. Voters can cast their ballots by mail and return postage will be paid.

A voter may also choose to go to any vote center location throughout the county; two Vote Centers will be open 10 days before the election and five Vote Centers will be open 3 days before the election through Election Day, including weekends, for a total of seven. Each will be staffed using Vote Center "Judges" and "Inspectors." Four Judges plus one Inspector will be assigned to each of the Vote Centers. Both Judges and Inspectors will be required to attend a minimum of eight hours of training.

In prior elections, poll worker Judges were paid a stipend of \$80 for working on Election Day. Poll worker Inspectors were paid a stipend of \$100 for Election Day. Poll worker Inspectors and Judges were also paid \$20 for four hours of training. It recommended that the stipends be updated to reflect amounts that are commensurate with the additional knowledge and skills required to act as Vote Center Judges and Inspectors, including the handling of all voter transactions and ballot management responsibilities.

This year, we are recommending stipends for Vote Center Judges and Inspectors as follows:

Judges: \$125.00 per 8-hour day; \$200.00 for Election Day (15-hour day)

Inspectors: \$130.00 per 8-hour day; \$205.00 for Election Day (15-hour day)

Training: \$100.00 for attending 8 hours of training (applicable to both Judges and Inspectors)

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Although the daily stipends are increasing, operating the Vote Centers with Judges and Inspectors rather than County staff is a more cost-effective approach by allowing us to avoid the additional County staff costs, including paid overtime, otherwise required to operate the Vote Centers.

It is recommended that the Board approve proposed stipend increases for Voter Center Staffing and training.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory J Diaz, County Clerk-Recorder