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To: [Clerk of Board](#)
Cc: [Ed Scofield](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Lisa Swarthout](#); [Sue Hoek](#)
Subject: Re: Resolution # SR-23-2819
Date: Friday, May 19, 2023 5:40:14 AM

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Resolution Authorizing the Elections Office To Opt Out of Printing the List of Proponents and Opponents of Local Measures

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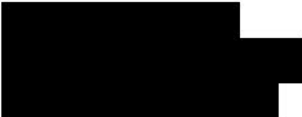
Opting out, as Ms. Adona is recommending, harms voters by limiting information they need to know in order to make a more educated vote.

It is Ms. Adona's duty to follow the law, and promote election transparency, which is sorely needed these days. This should not be too difficult. Let's keep Nevada County above board when printing election information so there are no further issues with public trust.

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From: [Barry Pruett](#)
To: [Clerk of Board](#)
Cc: [Heidi Hall](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [Lisa Swarthout](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#)
Subject: RE: Nevada County Board of Supervisors May 23, 2023, Meeting Agenda
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Attachments: [AB 1416 Opt Out Ballot Printing Staff Memo \(1\).pdf](#)

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Honorable Supervisors:

Please see attached. Our democracy thrives with information, and there is absolutely no reason for the county to allow for the election office to stop requiring the list of the proponents and opponents of local measures on the actual ballots which Elec. Code sec. 9170 requires unless the BOS opts out. The county should be encouraging transparency in our county offices and providing as much information to voters as possible at all times. As you all know well, properly educating voters on important issues is a daunting task. The Legislature required this list of the proponents and opponents of local measures on the actual ballots likely so that voters, who may not be paying as close of attention as they may like, will at least know who is supporting or opposing a local measure when they fill out their ballot. By reading who is supporting or opposing a local measure on their ballot, a voter can infer additional information. For instance, if a measure was supported by Howard Jarvis, one could infer that the measure would reduce taxes. Opting out of this requirement to list of the proponents and opponents of local measures on the actual ballots harms voters by limiting election information and harms our democracy.

While Adona states that “[o]pting out of these print provisions does not deprive Nevada County voters of the information that they need when making decisions on local ballot measures, as the same information may be printed in the county voter information guide.” May. It is not required, and as such, voters could be deprived of this information. Regardless more information is better than less. Adona also asserts that not printing 125 words on a ballot for a local measure would save money. Considering how infrequently we have local measures on the ballot and the de minimis nature of a mere 125 words, the amount saved would be de minimis as well and certainly not outweighed by the voters’ right to have the additional election information. Adona also brings up electioneering and promotion of candidates who may appear on the ballot as a candidate and as a proponent of a measure. None of this campaign information or election activities which Adona seeks to restrict by opting out of the requirements of Elec. Code sec. 9170 is illegal speech. The more information the better for our community.

In her conclusion Adona states that “the requirement could put the Elections Office in the position of accepting or denying abbreviations of supporters/opponents that may not be clear due to the maximum character limit, which could result in legal challenges to perceived unfair determinations.” Candidates deal with this every single election when writing their candidate statements. Y’all know

how many words are allowed and what counts as a word and what does not. The law is clear, and you follow it each election. It is Adona's duty to follow the law, not avoid it because the law may confuse her.

Again, please do not deprive your constituents of information which enhances our democracy. Please do not pass this resolution.

Barry W. Pruett

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Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 12:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Nevada County Board of Supervisors May 23, 2023, Meeting Agenda

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Board of Supervisors - New Agenda

A new Nevada County Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda for **05/23/2023** has been

posted to <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/boardmeetings> and <https://nevco.legistar.com/>

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Dear Supervisors,

Please do not pass resolution SR 23-2819. If anything is needed in Nevada County, it is more transparency, this is moving us to less transparency, especially concerning elections for individuals or ballot measures. Even understand the supporters of a ballot measure, such as Measure V was difficult or not transparent who was financially behind this measure.

The County CEO's office and Office of Emergency Services spent well over \$100,000, maybe more, of taxpayer funds for consulting services with Lew Edwards Group and many other vendors to promote a yes vote on Measure V, which was then voted down by the electorate last November. Most members of our community are unaware of these expenditures to this day.

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It is Ms. Adona's duty to follow the law, and promote election transparency, which is sorely needed these days. This should not be too difficult. Let's keep Nevada County above board when printing election information so there are no further issues with public trust.

Respectfully Submitted,

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From: [Joann Rebane](#)
To: [Clerk of Board; Jo Ann Rebane](#)
Cc: [Ed Scofield](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Lisa Swarthout](#); [Sue Hoek](#)
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Oppose consent item #9 on the Board's May 23rd agenda.

Resolution # SR-23-2819 would allow the elections office to opt out of printing the list of opponents and proponents of local ballot measures.

Voters can't make an informed decision on local matters unless they know who sponsors and who opposes the measure, and why. In this era of division and citizens doubts about the workings of their government, every bit of transparency matters.

Please oppose item #9 by removing it from the consent agenda and tell Ms. Adona that the resolution has failed in favor of transparency.

Please do not pass this resolution.

Thank you,

Jo Ann Rebane



From: [CSTJ McLaughlin](#)
To: [Clerk of Board](#)
Cc: [Ed Scofield](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Lisa Swarthout](#); [Sue Hoek](#)
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To the Members of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

Please do NOT pass the "Resolution Authorizing the Elections Office to Opt Out of Printing the List of Proponents and Opponents of Local Measures."

Passing this resolution would create one of the least transparent election campaign procedures possible. Residents of Nevada County are very concerned about local elections and issues, as was witnessed with the attention to Measure V, as well as with the outpouring of community involvement presented in regard to the potential reopening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine.

As voters, we have a right to knowledge regarding who is supporting or opposing a measure, either with an endorsement or financially. It is absolutely in the public's interest to spend the money necessary to add the list of proponents and opponents to the ballots. None of this information should in any way be hidden from the public and the voters.

It is the responsibility of the Registrar's Office to provide the greatest transparency possible in regard to our local elections. Ms. Adona's recommendation to opt out of this procedure harms the voters by limiting the information they need to know in order to make a thoughtful and educated decision.

Please do NOT pass Resolution SR-23-2819.
Thank you,

Terry McLaughlin, Grass Valley

From: [Carolyn Roth](#)
To: [Clerk of Board](#)
Subject: May 23rd NC Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023 3:33:56 PM

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Please oppose item #9 (SR 23-2819) currently on the Nevada County Board of Supervisors Calendar. Elections need to be transparent so that voters can make informed decisions.

Thank you,

Carolyn Roth

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