

February 14, 2006

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Workshop to Discuss Various Issues Regarding the Conducting of County Elections

Dear Supervisors:

At the request of Supervisor Adams, and in response to public testimony regarding elections received during open time at your Board's meeting of January 24, 2006, this workshop is being held to discuss various issues regarding the conducting of elections in Marin County. The workshop is intended to provide an opportunity for your Board and the public to receive information and provide input on elections policies and procedures specific to Marin County. Issues to be discussed include, but are not limited to:

- Elected vs. appointed Registrar of Voters position
- County recount policy
- Help America Vote Act (HAVA) update
- Voting systems reliability

The Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk/Registrar of Voters and County Counsel are available to provide their expertise in the workshop discussions.

Due to the announced resignation of the current Assistant Registrar of Voters and the need to adequately prepare for the upcoming June 2006 election, we have also calendared an item following the workshop that will, if approved by your Board, reorganize the registrar function and allow the County to begin a recruitment process for a Registrar of Voters.

Please feel free to contact me or my staff with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew H. Hymel
County Administrator