
Urgent OCROV Coordination – Newport Beach November 3 Election

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Hi -

I am assisting the City of Newport Beach with the implementation planning for the court-ordered November 3 election involving three City measures. The current model assumes a City-administered, all-mail-ballot election for approximately 60,000 registered voters, using ProVote for ballot production and mailing, GEM for voter and ballot management, leased Hart equipment, and an experienced municipal election team for ballot processing and tabulation.

We understand that the OCROV cannot conduct or tabulate the City election. However, several areas will require immediate data sharing and operational coordination with the County. Could you please help connect us with the appropriate OCROV representatives to address the following?

1. Immediate delivery of the complete active Newport Beach voter file in a format compatible with GEM, followed by regular updates through Election Day for registrations, address changes, cancellations and conditional registrations.
2. Immediate delivery of the Newport Beach military and overseas voter records, including delivery preferences, email and mailing information, so the City can transmit those ballots. We would also need to know whether OCROV has already transmitted any election materials to these voters that must be coordinated with the City.
3. Access to the signature images or other signature data required for the City's ballot-signature verification process, including any necessary agreements, security requirements, costs and technical transfer specifications.
4. Precinct, GIS and language-access data, including applicable federal and state language requirements, voter-language preferences and accessible-format indicators.
5. Coordination of voter and ballot-history information so that participation in the separate City election is tracked independently from participation in the County-administered consolidated election.
6. A written chain-of-custody process for City ballots inadvertently returned to County Vote Centers or drop boxes, as well as County ballots mistakenly delivered to City locations. The City would not

promote County drop boxes as authorized return locations for its ballot, but we recognize that some cross-delivery is inevitable.

7. The possibility of allowing clearly identified Newport Beach election staff to operate information-only assistance tables at Newport Beach Vote Centers during the final four days of voting. City staff would answer questions concerning the separate City ballot and assist with replacement-ballot requests without interfering with County operations or accepting ballots unless an approved custody process is established.

Timing is extremely compressed, particularly for the voter file and military/overseas voter records. If possible, I would appreciate an introduction to the appropriate staff as soon as possible so we can confirm availability, technical requirements, costs and delivery schedules.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

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