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Sylvan Union School District
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RE: Impact of Elections Code § 14050-14057 on UDEL / Odd Year Elections

Commencing Jan. 1, 2018 new Senate Bill 415 requires districts to meet a threshold of voter participation in order to continue holding odd year elections without penalty. Your district is regularly scheduled to hold your election during the Uniform District Election Law (UDEL) which is conducted in November of each odd year and could be impacted by this new legislation.

Throughout the month of January 2017 the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters will review election history and voter participation then provide calculations which include voter turnout percentage for each odd year election district in the County, including yours. We plan to inform each district of the calculations in a letter by February 2017 that you can then review with your counsel.

Existing law generally requires all state, county, municipal, district and school district elections be held on an established election date. Existing law also establishes certain even year dates for statewide elections and requires any state, county, municipal, district and school district election held on a statewide election date to be consolidated with the statewide election.

Assembly Bill 415, commencing Jan. 1, 2018, would prohibit a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a non-statewide election date has *previously* resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout. A "significant decrease in voter turnout" is defined as 25% less than the average voter turnout within that political subdivision for the previous four statewide general elections.

The new law does not affect your ability to schedule and hold a special election during any established election date pursuant to Elections Code (EC) § 1000 or § 1500.

If after receiving calculations from our office it is determined your district is included with those that must change to even year elections, EC § 14052 allows "political subdivisions" to continue to hold UDEL elections after 2018 if they have adopted a plan to consolidate with the statewide election schedule by 2022.

We will endeavor to continue to support your election needs.

Sincerely,

Lee Lundrigan
Stanislaus County Clerk / Recorder / Registrar of Voters

California Elections Code
CHAPTER 1.7. Voter Participation [14050 - 14057]
EC § 14050-14057

by Stats. 2015, Ch. 235, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2016. Section operative January 1, 2018, pursuant to Section 14057.)

§ 14052. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a political subdivision shall not hold an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a nonconcurrent date has previously resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout.

(b) A political subdivision may hold an election other than on a statewide election date if, by January 1, 2018, the political subdivision has adopted a plan to consolidate a future election with a statewide election not later than the November 8, 2022, statewide general election.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&division=14.&title=&part=&chapter=1.7.&article=