

Registrar of Voters
RECOMMENDED BUDGET • FY 2026-27

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This Budget is recommended at \$2,628,216, reflecting an increase of \$119,216 (4.5%) compared to the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. General Fund support accounts for 83% of the Department's funding, a decrease of \$16,381 (0.7%) compared to the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. The recommended budget reflects a gubernatorial general election with slight changes from the FY 2025-26 Budget related to mandated changes. The Recommended Budget also includes the carryover of the tabulation system update from FY 2025-26, including \$179,655 in appropriations and \$107,724 in state revenue.

Many pending election-related bills may impact the Department during FY 2026-27. The impacts are currently unknown and not accounted for in this budget.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

Description	FY 2024-25 Actual	Current Year Adopted	CAO Recommended	Difference from Adopted
IG Rev - State	37,734	147,162	146,724	(438)
IG Rev - Federal	24,576	15,789	8,324	(7,465)
Service Charges	498,428	160,000	303,500	143,500
Other Fin Sources	162,414	0	0	0
Total Revenue	723,152	322,951	458,548	135,597
Salaries & Benefits	1,139,894	1,166,548	1,256,952	90,404
Services & Supplies	728,071	1,302,452	1,189,609	(112,843)
Other Charges	100,069	0	0	0
Fixed Assets	162,414	38,000	179,655	141,655
Intrafund Transfers	4,219	2,000	2,000	0
Total Appropriations	2,134,667	2,509,000	2,628,216	119,216
FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	1,411,515	2,186,049	2,169,668	(16,381)

MAJOR BUDGET CHANGES

Revenue

State and Federal Intergovernmental

(\$7,903) Decrease in state and federal funding primarily due to State grants related to the gubernatorial general election.

Services Charges

\$143,500 Increase in election service revenue due to an upcoming gubernatorial general election that will include districts conducting elections for board seats, and these districts share the cost of administering the election.

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Appropriations

Salaries and Benefits

- \$82,756 Increase in Other Compensation to account for a change in accounting practice where vote center workers are compensated in Salaries and Benefits and not in Services and Supplies.
- (\$3,003) Decrease in Workers' Compensation premium charge.
- \$10,651 Increase in Salaries and Benefits expenses primarily due to Board-approved compensation increases, Health Insurance cost increases, and employee step increases.

Services and Supplies

- \$33,200 Increase in Postage due to state mandates requiring mailed election materials for one gubernatorial general election.
- (\$146,043) Decrease across multiple objects to align budget with actuals, primarily related to a change in accounting practice where vote center workers are compensated in Salaries and Benefits and not in Services and Supplies and computer system updates that were completed in FY 2025-26.

Fixed Assets

- \$141,655 Increase due to a voting system upgrade.

MISSION

The Elections/Registrar of Voters Office provides transparent, fair and nonpartisan election services to all candidates for office and County residents for federal, state, city, and special district elections. The Department is responsible for assuring compliance with federal and state laws related to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and voter outreach programs.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Registrar of Voters/Elections Department provides election services to all County residents for federal, state, county, city, and special district elections in accordance with the current California Elections Code and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The Department provides candidate filing services, ballot layout, voter information pamphlet preparation, and Vote by Mail preparation and mailing. The Department validates all signatures on ballots received from voters against original registration and provides all security, trains over 250 precinct officers, and conducts Voter Outreach and registration sign-ups to the public. The Department also establishes, prepares, and runs vote centers for up to 11 days prior to an election and provides all ballot tabulation and election results reporting as well as election certification.

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) filing and activity as mandated by the California Secretary of State is provided by the Elections Department. All required candidate filings and forms are also administered.

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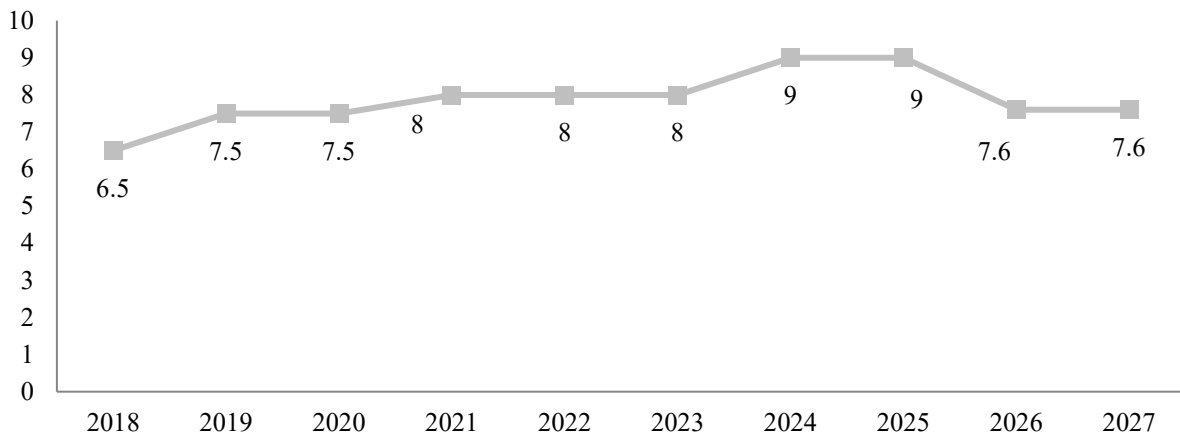
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GIS mapping and updating related to county precincts are also provided by the Elections staff. During each census, the office works to coordinate with the Census Bureau for the collection of all data and input of data into our database. All precinct maps and boundaries are calculated by the office and provided to the public as needed. As the census is completed, the Department’s GIS workload will increase significantly.

The Registrar of Voters/Elections Department has converted to vote centers and is implementing more efficient systems. The Department has reorganized to better align with the vote center model.

STAFFING TREND

The proposed staffing allocation for FY 2026-27 remains unchanged at 7.6 FTEs.



SOURCES & USES OF FUNDS

The Department is funded primarily with discretionary General Fund revenues, which are collected in Department 15—General Fund Other Operations.

