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**Title:** Elections Department recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign a budget amendment to transfer \$237,640 from General Fund contingency to the Elections Department, to conduct the March 26, 2019 Senate District 1 Special Election, due to vacancy (4/5 vote required).

**FUNDING:** General Fund, increase to the Election Departments FY 2018-19 budget.

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### DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Senate District 1 seat was vacated when the incumbent was sworn into a new position in 2019. A Special Election was called by the Governor of California on January 16, 2019, resulting in a Special Primary Election in the County of El Dorado on March 26, 2019. This is a county-wide election.

This funding is required to: purchase ballots; pay for the cost of mailing ballots; cover the cost of temporary labor; pay for polling places; pay for poll workers; print Voter Information Pamphlets; cover postage costs for outgoing and return ballots (now required by AB216); as well as cover the cost to rent vans for transportation of equipment.

Additionally, there is a potential for a run-off General Election on June 4, 2019, if a candidate does not win this primary with 50% +1 vote. If this happens another budget transfer will be brought to the Board for approval.

There is also a potential for another runoff election if one of the candidates who has filed to run in this Senate District 1 election wins this seat. The timing of that election is not known, but would potentially be in August, 2019.

### ALTERNATIVES

If the budget increase to the Elections Department is not approved, the County would not be able to comply with California election code requirements.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION**

N/A

**OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

N/A

**CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS**

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

General Fund Increase to the Elections Department budget of \$237,640 in FY 2018-19.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT**

N/A

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