

Registrar of Voters

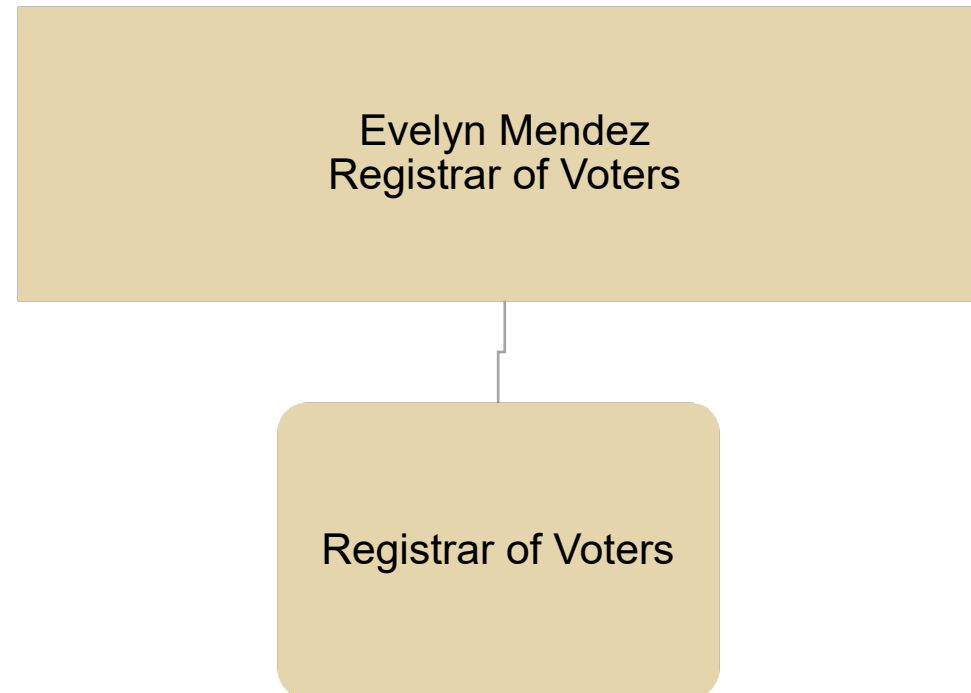
FY 2026-27 Preliminary Budget

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Department Overview

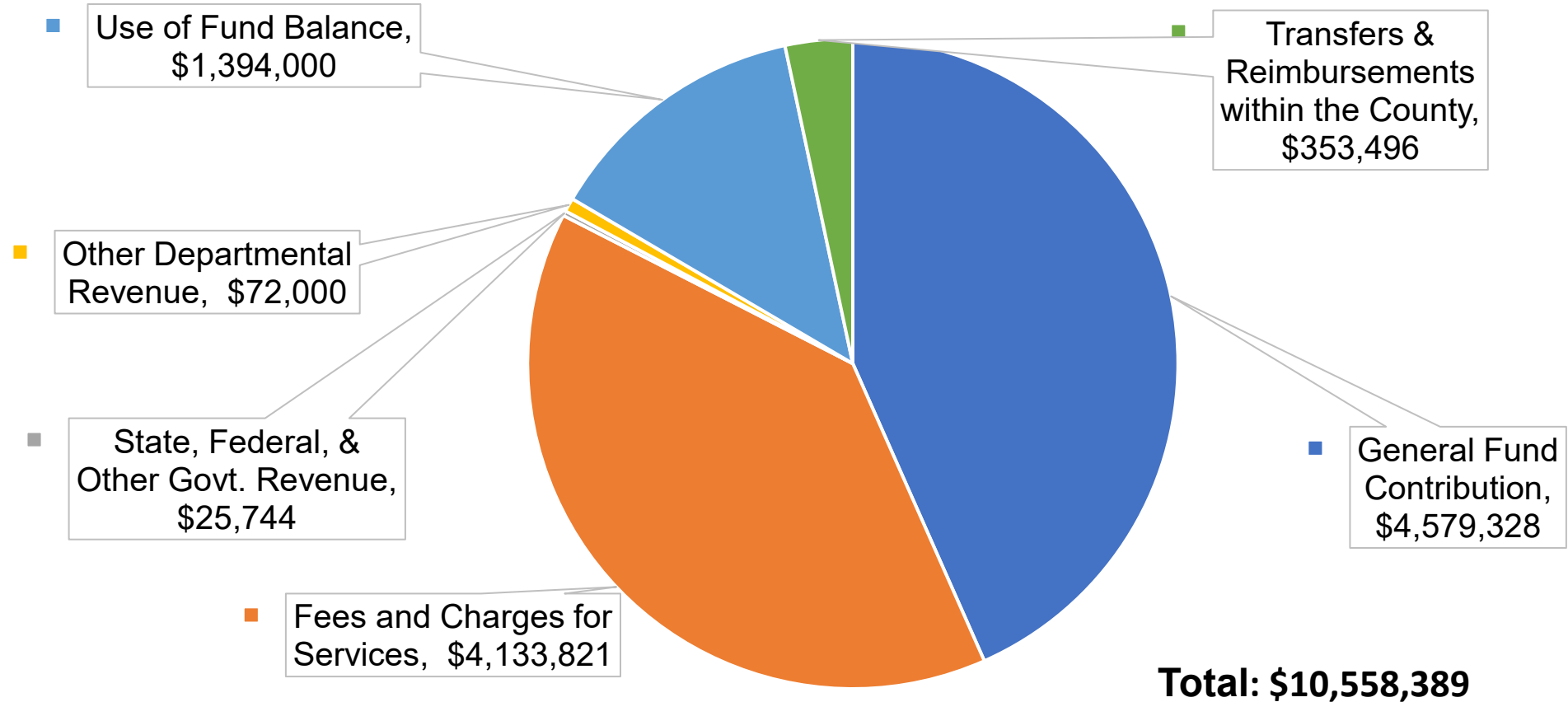
	Operating Expenditures	FTE
FY 2025-26 Adopted	\$ 9,614,336	22
FY 2026-27 Preliminary	\$10,558,389	22
Net Change	\$ 944,053	0



Departmental Expenditures

FY 2026-27 Service Area Expenditures	Preliminary Budget	FTE
Registrar of Voters	\$10,558,389	22
Gross Departmental Expenditures	\$10,558,389	22
Less Internal Departmental Transfers	\$0	n/a
Departmental Operating Expenditures	\$10,558,389	22

Departmental Funding Sources



**Other Department Revenue consists of interest earnings.*

***Reflects all funds that are transferred between departments.*

Key Departmental Funds

- Registrar of Voters Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund is used to purchase new equipment and upgrades and to provide matching funds for grants.

	Projected FY 2025-26 Year End Fund Balance	Projected FY 2026-27 Year End Fund Balance
Registrar of Voters Accumulated Capital Outlay	\$1,714,685	\$320,685

Key Accomplishments FY 2025-26

- Administered November 2025 Statewide Special Election
- Successfully relocated to 3880 Brickway Blvd location
- Upgraded mobile ballot printers
- Increased community engagement and partnerships
 - Townhall Presentations to Rotary Clubs
 - Q&A presentation for American Association of University Women/League of Women Voters
 - Increased partnerships and outreach with organizations in underserved Communities – Filipino, Korean, Tagalog, Napali
 - Increase in attendance at high school events. Focus group is 16-17 year old pre-registering to vote. As of our last Report of Registration we had 1,814 students pre-registered. This is nearly 18% of the students eligible to pre-register to vote. We are currently number six in the state.
 - We are kicking off High School Voter Education Month (April) on March 31 with a rally at Casa Grande High School with Supervisor Rabbit. For High School Voter Education month, plan to increase participation to two high schools a week to increase awareness.

FY 2025-26 By the Numbers

- Increased Voter Registration totals - current number registered is 320,88.1.
- Staffed and managed 32 Vote Centers and 23 Official Ballot Drop Boxes.
- Processed 209,450 ballots for the Statewide Special Election – 93.45% voted by mail.

Vote Center Staff announcing the Polls are Now Open at Our Guerneville Vote Center



Evelyn Mendez speaking to a group of 50 at a Rotary Club East/West Sonoma Meeting.



ROV Staff townhall meeting at Assembly of God assisting voters in Spanish.

Key Challenges

- Frequently changing, unfunded legislation mandates
 - We have additional languages mandated by the State Korean, Nepali and Tagalog
 - Challenge to find staff and resources to support those language requirements and assist voters that speak the required languages.
 - Materials need to be produced to assist voters and money/staff needed to meet those needs November 2026 Election
- Due to heightened political climate additional safeguards implemented to make sure staff and voters feel safe.
- Additional funding for long-term equipment that needs to be replaced due to software upgrades.

Key Operational Objectives

- Successfully complete November 2026 Gubernatorial General election and all other elections called during FY 2026-27.

Program Change Requests

No Requests