



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: October 6, 2020

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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4/5 Vote Required

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**Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The County of Sonoma, State of California,  
authorizing the use by the Registrar of Voters of Sonoma County Employees as Volunteer  
Precinct Board Members on Early Voting Days as well as Election Day.**

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 423 was signed August 6, 2020, which requires a minimum of one voting location per 10,000 registered voters, available for early voting from October 31, 2020 to November 3, 2020; and

**Whereas**, the complexity of conducting elections has increased dramatically in recent years and the use of trained and experienced personnel at the precinct level is critical to the efficient conduct of elections; and

**Whereas**, the Registrar of Voters has need of experienced volunteer precinct board members to staff the polls on Early Voting Days and on Election Days and has experienced difficulty in recruiting and training a skilled pool of precinct volunteers; and

**Whereas**, that the Precinct Officer Program for county employees has demonstrated that participation by county employees in precinct activity furthers their civic involvement, provides a reliable source of volunteers and furthers the County's commitment to the fair and efficient conduct of elections; and

**Whereas**, the Board acknowledges that the electoral process is fundamental to our system of government and is served by providing voters with election polls which are fully staffed with qualified and trained citizens; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** the Board establish that the Sonoma County Employees as Volunteer Precinct Board Members Program to allow all regular County employees, other than those employed by the Registrar of Voters, who volunteer and are appointed as members of a precinct Board on Early Voting Days as well as Election Day, to receive payment of regular wages or salary for that day, without forfeiting the stipend received for service as a Volunteer Precinct Board member. The eligibility to receive time off for participation in this program would be subject to the approval of the employee's supervisor or manager. No overtime or compensatory time shall be earned or accumulated during such paid leave.

**Supervisors:**

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Gorin:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**