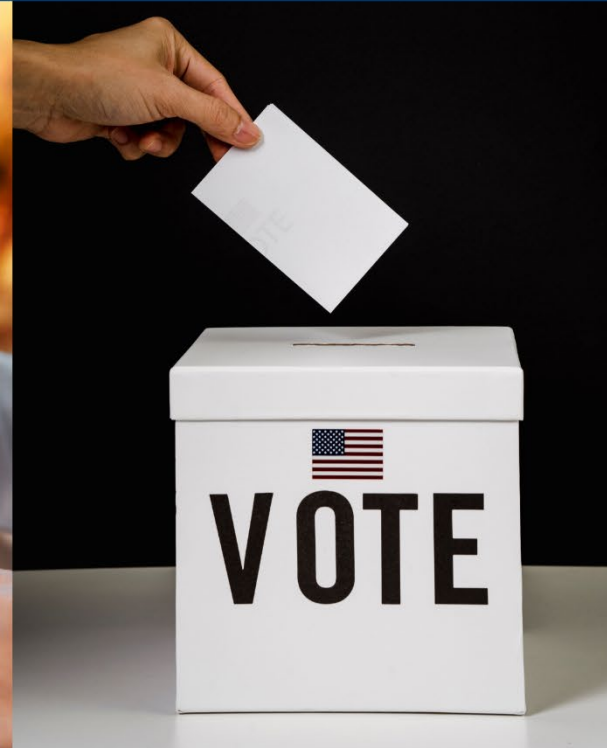




# Clerk-Recorder-Assessor, Registrar of Voters

## FY 2025-26 Preliminary Budget

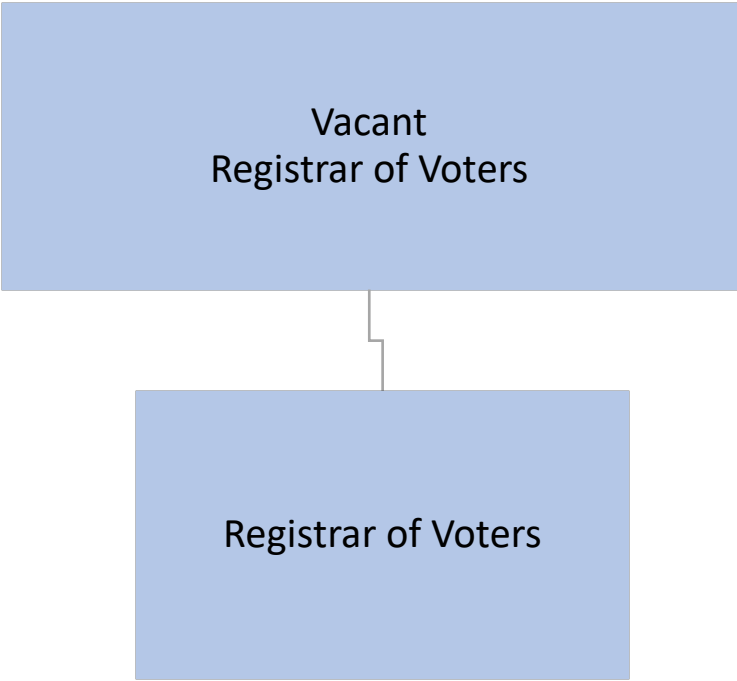
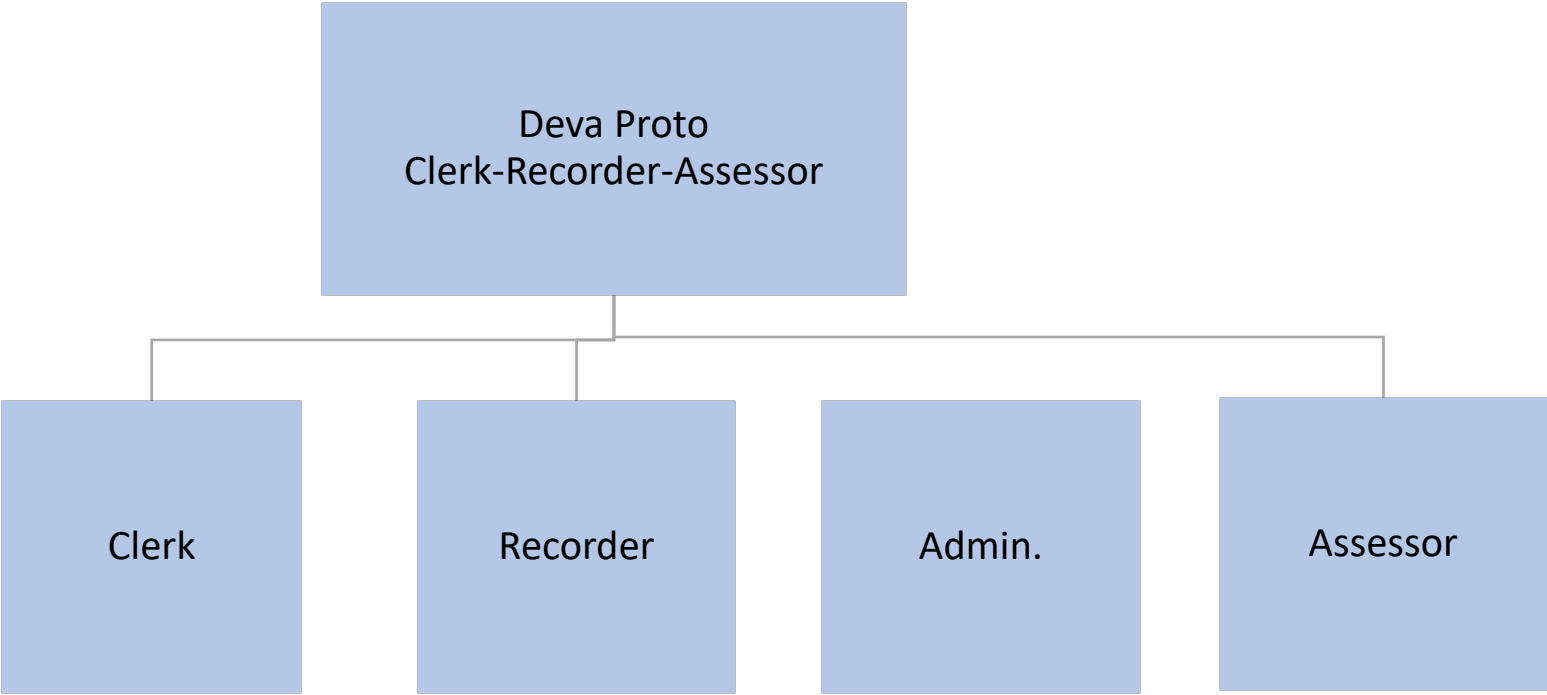
# Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor-Registrar of Voters



# Department Overview

Clerk-Recorder-Assessor	Operating Expenditures	FTE
FY 2024-25 Adopted	\$19,779,858	98
FY 2025-26 Preliminary	\$22,084,644	94
Net Change	\$2,304,786	4

Registrar of Voters	Operating Expenditures	FTE
FY 2024-25 Adopted	\$8,608,585	18
FY 2025-26 Preliminary	\$9,452,626	22
Net Change	\$844,041	4



# Departmental Expenditures

FY 2025-26 Service Area Expenditures	Preliminary Budget	FTE
Assessor	\$14,390,083	72
Administration	\$1,537,625	6
County Clerk	\$1,096,986	5
Recorder	\$5,213,337	11
<b>Gross Departmental Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,238,031</b>	<b>94</b>
Less Internal Departmental Transfers	\$153,386	n/a
<b>Departmental Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,084,465</b>	<b>94</b>

FY 2025-26 Service Area Expenditures	Preliminary Budget	FTE
Registrar of Voters	\$9,452,626	22
<b>Gross Departmental Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,452,626</b>	<b>22</b>
Less Internal Departmental Transfers	\$0	n/a
<b>Departmental Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,452,626</b>	<b>22</b>

# Departmental Funding Sources | CRA

Clerk-Recorder-Assessor FY 2025-26 Funding Sources	Preliminary Budget
General Fund Contribution	\$12,824,531
Fees & Charges for Services	\$3,904,765
State, Federal & Other Funds	\$0
Other Departmental Revenue*	\$609,500
Use of Fund Balance	\$2,403,543
Transfers & Reimbursements within the County**	\$2,495,692
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$22,238,031</b>

*\*Other Departmental Revenue includes sales of property data, fines, and penalties for missing Change of Ownership forms, and interest earnings on department fund balances.*

*\*\*Reflects all funds that are transferred both within this department as well as between departments.*

# Departmental Funding Sources | ROV

Registrar of Voters FY 2025-26 Funding Sources	Preliminary Budget
General Fund Contribution	\$4,116,956
Fees & Charges for Services	\$3,876,371
State, Federal & Other Funds	\$19,591
Other Departmental Revenue*	\$92,000
Use of Fund Balance	\$1,220,000
Transfers & Reimbursements within the County**	\$127,708
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$9,452,626</b>

*\*Other Departmental Revenue includes sales of maps, mailing lists, etc. and interest earnings on department fund balances.*

*\*\*Reflects all funds that are transferred both within this department as well as between departments.*

# Key Departmental Funds

## Clerk-Recorder-Assessor

- Modernization, \$4,033,399
  - Micrographics, \$938,943
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## Registrar of Voters

- Registrar of Voters Accumulated Capital Outlay, \$1,204,432

# State and Federal Budget/Policy Implications

- **Not applicable**



# Key Opportunities and Challenges

- Assessor
  - Staffing and Ongoing Backlog
  - Proposition 19 implementation and workload
- Clerk
  - Low marriage and birth rates
- Recorder
  - Low recording volume
  - AB1466 Restrictive Covenant implementation
- Registrar of Voters
  - June 2026 Election
  - Ongoing security and safety priorities related to elections
  - Aging voting equipment and aging/inadequate facilities
  - Frequently changing, unfunded legislation mandates
  - Separation of Registrar of Voters into its' own department



# Key Operational Objectives

- Assessor
    - Continue progress to address assessment backlog.
    - Migrate workflow processes to vendor supported packages already established by vendor to eliminate or lessen reliance on in-house applications.
  - Clerk-Recorder
    - Perform quality control on Imported pre-1963 recorded document images into the current recording system and identify where re-imaging may be needed.
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- Registrar of Voters
    - Successfully complete June 2026 Gubernatorial Primary election and all other elections called during FY 2025-26.

# Program Change Requests

- Recorder
    - Add 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE) three (3) year time limited Senior Clerk-Recorder-Assessor position
      - Funded with special revenue of \$465,983 over 3 years (7/1/2025-6/30/2028)
  - Assessor
    - Request extension of 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE) time limited Assessment Specialist
      - Extend the time limited position ending 6/30/2025 to 6/30/2027.
      - Funded with General Fund request of \$314,746 over 2 years (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)
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- Registrar of Voters
    - Requesting to convert 1.0 FTE Account Clerk II to a Senior Account Clerk
      - Ongoing annual General Fund request of \$11,710