



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: January 13, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Approving A Change To The Regular Hours That The Registrar of Voters Office Is Open To The
Public For The Transaction Of Business To 8:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m., Monday Through Friday,
Instead Of Closing At 4:00 p.m. On Wednesdays, Effective January 28, 2026**

Whereas, the Registrar of Voters Office is currently open to the public for the transaction of business on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excepting County holidays; and

Whereas, on July 1, 2025, the Registrar of Voters officially separated from the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor department and became its own stand-alone department; and

Whereas, it is no longer preferable that the Registrar of Voters have public hours of operation that are consistent with those of the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor; and

Whereas, the change in hours will have minimal impact on Registrar of Voters staff because the department has significantly more permanent full-time employees than it did previously as a division of the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor department; and

Whereas, keeping identical hours daily is far easier to communicate to the public both verbally and in writing, and is much less likely to cause confusion among candidates and voters; and

Whereas, Sonoma County Code Section 2-2.1. allows the Board of Supervisors to change the regular hours of operation by resolution as the Board deems advisable.

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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that, effective January 28, 2026, the Registrar of Voters Office's regular hours of operation are changed to close to the public for the transaction of business on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m. Public hours for the Registrar of Voters Office will therefore be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.