



December 11, 2017

Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee

Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee

Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee

Recall Election Costs

On October 25, 2017, the Secretary of State notified the Department of Finance that the proponents of the recall effort against State Senator Josh Newman, State Senate District 29, submitted a sufficient number of verified signatures to initiate a recall election (see Attachment I). Pursuant to Section 11108, subdivision (d) of the Elections Code, Finance has 30 business days to consult with the affected county elections officials and the Secretary of State, estimate the costs of the recall election and submit the estimate to the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Chairpersons of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The 30 business days expires on December 11, 2017.

As required by statute, this estimate considers costs that would be incurred under two scenarios: 1) if the recall election is held as a special election, and 2) if the election is consolidated with the next regularly scheduled election. Both estimates include expenses for verifying signatures, printing ballots and voter information guides, and operating polling places.

Special Election

Los Angeles County	\$818,000
Orange County	\$1,672,000
San Bernardino County	\$188,000
Total Estimated Costs	\$2,678,000

Consolidated Election

Los Angeles County	\$250,000
Orange County	\$652,000
San Bernardino County	\$29,000
Total Estimated Costs	\$931,000

Pursuant to Section 11108, subdivision (e) of the Elections Code, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee now has 30 days to review and comment on the Department of Finance's estimate. After the 30 days has expired, the Secretary of State will certify the sufficiency of the signatures and the Governor will then set the date of the election.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call John Fitzpatrick, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

MICHAEL COHEN

Director

By:



AMY M. COSTA
Chief Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: Honorable Jim Nielsen, Vice Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
Honorable Jay Obernolte, Vice Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
Honorable Richard Roth, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4
Honorable Jim Cooper, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4
Mr. Mac Taylor, Legislative Analyst (3)
Mr. Mark Ibele, Staff Director, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
Mr. Mark McKenzie, Staff Director, Senate Appropriations Committee
Mr. Kirk Feely, Budget Fiscal Director, Senate Republican Fiscal Office
Mr. Craig Cornett, Senate President pro Tempore's Office (2)
Mr. Christian Griffith, Chief Consultant, Assembly Budget Committee
Mr. Pedro R. Reyes, Chief Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Ms. Cyndi Hillery, Staff Director, Assembly Republican Fiscal Committee
Mr. Seren Taylor, Director of Strategic Policy, Assembly Republican Leader's Office
Mr. Jim Richardson, Policy and Fiscal Director, Assembly Republican Leader's Office
Mr. Christopher W. Woods, Assembly Speaker's Office (2)
Honorable Alex Padilla, Secretary of State
Ms. Jana Lee, Chief, Elections Division, Secretary of State
Ms. Joanna Southard, Assistant Chief, Elections Division, Secretary of State
Ms. Cindy Halverstadt, Chief, Management Services Division, Secretary of State
Ms. Kristin Dagsher, Fiscal Affairs Manager, Management Services Division, Secretary of State
Mr. Russell Vaneekhoven, Budget Officer, Management Services Division, Secretary of State



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October 25, 2017

Michael Cohen
Director
Department of Finance
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Dear Mr. Cohen:

The Secretary of State hereby notifies the Department of Finance that the proponents of the recall effort against State Senator Josh Newman, State Senate District 29, have submitted a sufficient number of verified signatures to initiate a recall election.

Pursuant to Elections Code section 11108(d), the Department of Finance has 30 business days (December 11, 2017) to estimate the costs of the recall election, in consultation with Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino counties and the Secretary of State, and submit the estimate to the Governor, Secretary of State, and the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

The Department of Finance's estimates must include the costs that would be incurred if the recall election is held as a special election and if it is consolidated with the next regularly scheduled election, and must include expenses for verifying signatures, printing ballots and voter information guides, and the operation of polling places. The Department of Finance's report of the estimated recall costs must be posted on the Secretary of State's website and printed in each affected county's voter information guide.

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has 30 calendar days to review and comment on the Department of Finance's estimate. Pursuant to Elections Code section 11108(g), after the JLBC's review period has expired, the Director of Finance shall direct the Controller to remit to the affected elections officials from those funds designated for that purpose in any budget act or other measure an amount that takes into consideration the amount of funds available for the purpose, the number of elections officials expected to conduct state recall elections held in that fiscal year, the Department of Finance's estimates of the costs of each election official to conduct each state recall election, and the amount reasonable necessary to conduct such recall election.

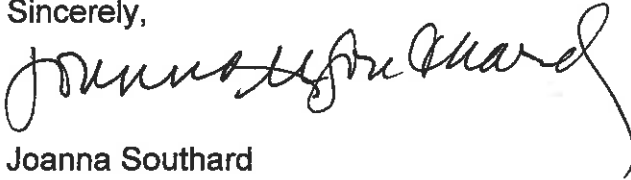
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Attached to this letter please find a copy of the applicable Elections Code sections as they appear in Senate Bill 117 (Chapter 180, Statutes of 2017).

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (916) 657-2166 or by email at Joanna.Southard@sos.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanna Southard", written in a cursive style.

Joanna Southard
Assistant Chief, Elections Division

Enclosure