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July 26, 2021

Ryan Ronco, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar
Placer County
2956 Richardson Drive
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Mr. Ronco,

The Secretary of State's Office has received and reviewed the Placer County Registrar of Voter's application for an election administration waiver during the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election. Your request was for a waiver of precinct consolidation requirements.

After reviewing your request and documentation, the Secretary of State's Office accepts your waiver request. The Secretary of State's office has determined that your request warrants the requested relief.

Should you have any questions or need assistance during this election, please feel free to reach out to me or my staff regarding election activities and information.

Sincerely,

Jana M. Lean
Chief of Elections
Secretary of State's Office



**CALIFORNIA GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION
 SEPTEMBER 14, 2021,
 SECTION 1604 WAIVER REQUEST FORM**

County elections officials conducting their elections pursuant to Methods #3 and #4 may seek to adjust or partially waive the minimally required number, location, and/or operational duration of their “VCA-like” consolidated polling places or their ballot drop-off locations as described in Section 1602. (Elec. Code, § 1604(a)) County elections officials conducting their elections pursuant to Method #5 may seek to partially waive the provisions regarding the maximum number of voters in a precinct as required by Section 12223. (Elec. Code, § 1604(a))

For descriptions of Methods #3, #4, and #5, [please review the guidance document](#). Additional [information and updates for the recall](#) can be found on the SOS website.

Please complete and email this Waiver Request Form with required attachments to the following address: 2021RecallWaiverRequest@sos.ca.gov. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Mike Somers at (916) 695-1563 or msomers@sos.ca.gov

Date of Request	07/23/2021
County Name	County of Placer
Contact Name	Philip Chantri
Contact Phone	(530) 886-5669
Contact Email	pchantri@placer.ca.gov

Waiver Request Form – Select all that apply

1) “VCA-like” consolidated polling place

Number Location Operational duration

2) Ballot drop-off location

Number Location Operational duration

3) Precinct consolidation

Consolidation Waiver
 [Maximum number of voters in a precinct not to exceed 3,000]



Additional Information Required for Waiver Request
<p>To complete your waiver request please fill out a separate document that addresses the questions detailed below. You need only address the questions relevant to the kind of waiver being requested.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please add this documentation as an attachment to your Waiver Request Form.</p>
<p>For all waiver requests, please provide your county’s plan analyzing the impact of this waiver request on your in-person voting needs, as detailed pursuant to California Elections Code section 1604(b). Overall, this final plan must address how your proposed levels of in-person voting are designed to provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Detailed efforts to secure the otherwise required number of voting locations; b) How you will prevent a negative disparate impact on any protected class* of voters with respect to availability of voting locations and machines as well as language accessibility, including, but not limited to, the needs of disabled voters and individuals who do not have a history of voting by mail; and c) That the plan will not reduce in-person voting locations below a number of locations necessary to safely and efficiently accommodate the anticipated demand for in-person voting services. <p>* “Protected class” means a class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group, as referenced and defined in the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).</p>
<p>If you are requesting a waiver for the <u>number</u> of “VCA-like” consolidated polling places:</p> <p>How many locations are you required to have? — How many locations have you secured? — For how many locations are you currently seeking a waiver? —</p>
<p>If you are requesting a waiver for the <u>location</u> of “VCA-like” consolidated polling places:</p> <p>Where are polling places required to be located? — Where do you want them to be located? — For how many locations are you currently seeking a waiver? —</p>
<p>If you are requesting a waiver for the <u>operational duration</u> of “VCA-like” consolidated polling places:</p> <p>How are you seeking to change what is required? — For what time period? —</p>
<p>If you are requesting a waiver for the <u>number</u> of ballot drop-off locations:</p> <p>How many locations are you required to have? — How many locations have you secured? — For how many locations are you currently seeking a waiver? —</p>



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If you are requesting a waiver for the location of ballot drop-off locations:

Where are the drop-offs required to be located? —

Where do you want them to be located? —

For how many drop-off locations are you currently seeking a waiver? —

If you are requesting a waiver for the operational duration of ballot drop-off locations:

How are you seeking to change what is required? —

For what dates? —

If you are seeking a waiver for precinct consolidation:

How many precincts are you attempting to consolidate? 751

Thank you for your submission. The Secretary of State's office (SOS) will review the information provided and may request additional information. As part of the review, SOS staff may also contact you to offer additional assistance before making a waiver determination.

To be completed by SOS:

Waiver has been approved.

Waiver has been denied.

Waiver has been approved with the following modifications:

Date Request Received: 7/23/21

Date Decision Transmitted: 7/26/21

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PLACER COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER-ELECTIONS

Pursuant to Elections Code § 1604, Placer County is requesting a partial waiver regarding the maximum number of voters in a precinct under Elections Code § 12223, not to exceed 3,000 voters for the September 14, 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Our draft plan consolidates 751 whole precincts into 265 voting precincts. Of the 265 voting precincts, 136 are mail ballot precincts, and 129 are polling place precincts. Polling place precinct sizes range from 294 to 2,950, with the average size being 2,030. Placer County enjoys having 81.7% of voters who are registered Permanent Vote by Mail. If the PVBM voters are subtracted from the polling place registration totals, pursuant to Elections Code § 12223(b), the remaining poll place voters range from 60 to 662 voters, with an average of 372 voters per precinct.

Placer County's efforts to secure the required in-person voting locations:

We began performing multiple surveys of possible facilities in May, asking for availability as a polling place in a potential California Statewide Recall election later in 2021, with multiple proposed dates due to the nature of statewide recall laws. Of the locations we surveyed, 20% of the normally available locations responded they were unavailable, and a subsequent email follow-up of the available respondents resulted in a further drop in polling locations as a number were no longer available either to reservations made in the intervening time or other extenuating situations such as increasing concerns about a resurgence of Covid-19. To remain under the traditional polling place model without a waiver, we would have needed 262 polling places, well above our number of respondents.

We also are struggling to recruit enough poll workers for a traditional polling place model; without the waiver, we would need approximately 1,310 poll workers, plus 250 back-ups. We have 1,000 confirmed poll workers at this time, the majority of which responded to surveys with potential election dates later in the year, and we anticipate a drop in this number as people are hesitant to work the polls due to the Delta variant.

As we are running out of time to secure the number of polling places, and recruit sufficient poll workers, we are requesting this waiver.

Our plan to avoid a negative impact on disabled voters or any protected class of voters:

Each voting precinct will have one accessible ballot marking device. The Registrar of Voters Office locations will also have at least one accessible ballot marking device beginning the first day of early voting, and through the close of polls on Election Day. Each Elections Code § 14201

language target voting precinct will be supplied with a facsimile ballot translated into Spanish, Tagalog, Korean and/or Punjabi, as required. Reducing the number of polling locations allows us to more adequately staff the locations with bilingual poll workers, ensuring a higher level of accessibility for Low English Proficiency voters. All polling places will be surveyed for ADA compliance and any necessary mitigations will be made by Election Day, and mitigation plans provided to the precinct Inspector prior to Election Day. Each polling place will have a Telephone Interpreter Services binder with the instructions, call information, and language codes, to assist voters who need third-party interpreter to communicate with voters in their native language.

We have made our best attempt to select polling places that are centrally located within the precincts being served, and have tried to select larger locations with ample and accessible parking, as much as possible.

Mail ballot precincts were consolidated appropriately, where the precinct registration was small enough, as allowed by law.

Official vote by mail ballot drop boxes will be available at 31 locations throughout the county beginning August 17, to provide additional options for voters to return their vote by mail ballots. 11 of these drop-boxes are available 24-hours per day, 7 days per week.

We are confident our plan will not reduce in-person voting locations below a number of locations necessary to safely and efficiently accommodate the anticipated demand for in-person voting services, based on the following:

Pursuant to Elections Code §3000.5 all active, registered California voters will receive a vote by mail ballot in the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election. Placer County already has a high participation rate in permanent vote by mail voting, at 81.7%.

In contrast to the November 2020 Presidential General Election, where Placer County had 27 voting locations, this election we are seeking to expand that to 129 locations, with two locations in the county that offer early voting beginning 29 days before the election.

Using the planned consolidations, the number of polling place voters ranges from 294 to 2,950 per voting precinct. The percentage of poll voters per voting precinct ranges from 8.8% to 28.1%.

We feel we will have manageable in person voter turnout at our polling places on Election Day because of our high permanent vote by mail participation, and the low percentage of polling place voters per polling place precinct, which ranges from 60 to 662 voters.

Voters interested in additional information regarding this partial waiver request may visit the California Secretary of State website: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/2021-ca-gov-recall>

Ballot Type	14201 Language	Additional Bi-Lingual Poll Workers Staffed	Consolidated Preceinct	Geographical Area	# of PCTS	Consol. Reg	PVBM #	Remaning Reg	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Roseville	2	114	94	20	160601	160602								
1			no	Roseville	1	86	75	11	160623									
1			no	Roseville	1	166	135	31	160655									
1			yes	Roseville	2	166	132	34	160657	160658								
1			no	Roseville	1	238	201	37	161001									
1	Tagalog	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Roseville	2	74	60	14	161002	161003								
1			no	Lincoln	1	1	1	0	251401									
1			yes	Lincoln	4	148	120	28	260330	260334	260347	261349						
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Lincoln	3	11	11	0	260335	260341	260346							
1			YES	Lincoln	3	165	155	10	263385	260339	260342							
1			no	Lincoln	1	28	26	2	260340									
1			yes	Rpseville	3	0	0	0	260601	260602	260603							
1	Tagalog	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Roseville	4	84	69	15	261001	261002	261003	261005						
1			yes`	Roseville	2	8	7	1	261004	261008								
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	W Roseville/ W Lincoln	4	22	10	12	261007	261009	261010	261106						
1			no	W Liincoln	1	68	56	12	261101									
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	W Lincoln	3	153	118	35	261103	261109	261110							
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	W Lincoln	2	3	3	0	261108	261111								
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	W Lincoln	1	0	0	0	261112									
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Sheridan/ N Lincoln	15	142	19	33	261202	261204	261206	261314	261316	261337	261339			
1			no	Lincoln	1	40	32	8	261203	261205	261209	261315	261317	261338	261340	261350		
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	N Lincoln	3	116	89	27	261309	261347	261348							
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	N Lincoln	1	16	11	5	261311									
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	N Lincoln	1	66	55	11	261321									
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	N Lincoln	1	62	53	9	261322									
1			no	N Lincoln	1	19	18	1	261324									
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	N Lincoln	11	99	89	10	261326	261328	261330	261332	261341					
1			no	Lincoln	1	35	29	6	261327	261329	261331	261333	261342	261343				
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	N Lincoln	2	79	68	11	261344									
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	N Lincoln	2	52	40	12	261401	261406								
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	W Auburn	1	17	15	2	261403	261404								
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	W Auburn	1	0	0	0	312201									
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	W Auburn	5	205	168	37	312203									
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	Auburn	1	40	32	8	312204	312205	312206	312207	312208					
2			no	Auburn	1	0	0	0	312214									
2			yes	W Auburn	3	199	169	30	350101									
2			no	Newcastle	1	210	167	43	351701	351702	351703							
2			yes	Newcastle	8	198	164	34	351801									
2	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Ophir	10	241	209	37	351805	351807	351808	351809	351810	351811	351812	351828		
2			yes	Newcastle	3	97	81	16	351813	351814	351815	351816	351817	351818	352101	352102		
2			yes	Newcastle	3	97	81	16	351819	352103	352104	351820	351821	351822	351823	351824	351825	351826
2	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	S Auburn	1	77	67	10	351827	351821	351822	351823	351824	351825	351826			

2			no	S Auburn	1	89	76	13	351902								
2	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Ophir	3	73	56	17	352105	352106	352107						
2	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	Ophir	1	192	163	29	352108								
2	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Ophir	2	138	113	25	352120	352135							
2	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	Ophir	1	0	0	0	352124								
2	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Ophir	8	190	148	42	352125	352126	352127	352128	352129	352130	352131	352136	
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1			yes	Loomis	2	189	158	31	360401	360411							
1			no	Loomis	1	160	132	28	360402								
1			no	Loomis	1	19	15	4	360407								
1			no	Loomis	1	184	156	26	360410								
1			no	Rocklin	1	107	85	22	360506								
1			yes	Rocklin	1	178	139	39	360510	360534	360536						
1			no	Rocklin	1	224	187	37	360530								
1			yes	N Lincoln	1	24	2	2	361301	361302							
1			yes	Loomis	3	200	171	29	351504	351513	361514						
1			es	Penryn	6	226	190	36	361505	361507	361515	361721	361727	361728			
1			yes	Penryn	2	132	118	14	361509	361510							
1			yes	Penryn	2	24	197	43	361511	361729							
1			no	Rocklin Island	1	184	158	26	361601								
1			no	Rocklin Island	1	128	115	13	361602								
1			yes	Penryn	2	206	162	44	361701	361702							
1			yes	Penryn/N Lincoln	7	194	154	50	361703	361707	361711	361720	361722	361723	361726		
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Penryn	13	204	161	43	361706	361712	361713	361714	361716	361717	361718	361719	
1			no	Penryn	1	15	124	26	361708								
1			yes	Newcastle	2	167	139	28	361801	361802							
1			no	Roseville	1	212	192	20	460609								
1			no	Roseville	1	16	95	11	460610								
1	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Roseville	3	49	35	14	460629	460643	460644						
1			no	Roseville	1	0	0	0	460631								
1			no	Roseville	1	0	0	0	460633								
1			no	Roseville	1	208	156	52	460641								
1			no	Roseville	1	0	0	0	460646								
1			yes	Roseville Islands	2	142	112	30	462301	462304							
1			no	Roseville Islands	1	17	11	6	462302								
1			yes	Roseville Islands	2	8	6	2	462305	462305							
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1			no	Roseville Islands	1	227	193	34	462308								
1			no	Roseville Islands	1	226	182	44	462309								
1			no	Roseville Islands	1	36	36	6	462310								
1			yes	Granite Bay	6	151	146	5	462409	462419	462421	462422	462422	462435	462436		
1			yes	Granite Bay	4	85	65	20	462423	462424	462425	462426					
1			yes	Granite Bay	4	233	188	45	462427	462428	462430	462432					
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3			yes	Auburn	3	1	1	0	510101	510102	510104						

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3			no	Colfax	1	0	0	0	510202								
3			no	Colfax	1	0	0	0	510203								
3	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	N Auburn	1	31	20	11	512201								
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3	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	N Auburn	1	83	70	13	512507								
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3	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	N Auburn	1	111	90	21	512517								
3	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	N Auburn	4	147	134	13	512518	512519	512522	512540					
3			yes	N Auburn	2	9	8	1	512528	512537							
3			yes	N Auburn/Meadow Vists	4	25	161	44	512530	512538	512703	512704					
3	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	N Auburn	1	47	42	6	512531								
3			no	N Auburn	1	0	0	0	512533								
3	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	N Auburn	2	223	203	20	512541	512542							
3			yes	Foresthill	4	70	54	16	512601	512602	512611	152612					
3			yes	Foresthill/ Tahoe Forest/N Tahoe/ Squaw Valley	22	62	50	12	512608	512811	513003	513404	513501	513504	513603		
3	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Meadow Vista	2	0	0	0	512609	513001	513004	513405	513502	513601	513604		
3			yes	Meadow Vista	2	12	10	2	512610	513002	513005	513406	513503	513602	513605	513606	
3			yes	Meadow Vista	2	180	151	9	512701	512718							
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3			yes	Meadow Vista	2	180	151	9	512710	512722							
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3			no	Meadow Vista	1	109	96	13	512719								
3			no	Meadow Vista	1	0	0	0	512720								
3			no	Meadow Vista	1	61	57	4	512721								
3			no	Weimar	1	182	160	22	512808								
3			no	Weimar	1	0	0	0	512809								
3			no	Weimar	1	0	0	0	512812								
3			bi	Greater Colfax	1	56	42	14	512902								
3			yes	Greater Colfax	2	113	82	31	512904	512905							
3			no	Greater Colfax	1	0	0	0	512906								
3			no	Greater Colfax	1	0	0	0	512907								
3			yes	Dutch Flat	4	187	156	31	513103	513901	513902	513915					
3			yes	N Tahoe / Kings Beach/ Tahoe City	21	22	21	1	513301	513304	513310	513313	513610	513616	513705		
3			yes	NE Placer / Squaw Valley	9	8	6	2	513302	513308	513311	513314	513611	513701	513707		
3			yes	Squaw Valley/ Tahoe City	10	180	160	20	513303	513309	513312	513315	513612	513703	513708		
3	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	NE Placer / Squaw Valley	9	8	6	2	513401	513906	513908	513916					
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3	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	yes	Squaw Valley/ Tahoe City	10	180	160	20	513407	513409	513411	513413	513415				
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4			no	NE Placer	1	2	2	0	513903								
2			yes	Auburn	2	148	121	27	550112	550119							
2	Spanish	MB Precinct / Translated SB	no	Auburn	1	148	101	47	550114								

