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July 19, 2021

Renee Bischof, Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters
Santa Barbara County
P.O. Box 61510
Santa Barbara, CA 93160-1510

Dear Ms. Bischof,

The Secretary of State's Office has received and reviewed the Santa Barbara 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jana M. Lean".

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	July 15, 2021
County Name	Santa Barbara
Contact Name	Renee Bischof
Contact Phone	(805) 696-8963
Contact Email	rbischo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

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]



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Additional Information Required for Waiver Request

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.

Please add this documentation as an attachment to your Waiver Request Form.

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:

- 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.

* “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.).

If you are requesting a waiver for the number of “VCA-like” consolidated polling places:

How many locations are you required to have?
How many locations have you secured?
For how many locations are you currently seeking a waiver?

If you are requesting a waiver for the location of “VCA-like” consolidated polling places:

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?

If you are requesting a waiver for the operational duration of “VCA-like” consolidated polling places:

How are you seeking to change what is required?
For what time period?

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

How many locations are you required to have?
How many locations have you secured?
For how many locations are you currently seeking a waiver?



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?

327 whole regular precincts into 115 voting precincts, of which 74 are polling place precincts and 41 are mailed ballot precincts. Of the 74 polling place precincts, 7 exceed the 1,000 threshold.

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: 7/16/21

Date Decision Transmitted: 7/19/21

SOS Staff Contact Information:

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COUNTY CLERK, RECORDER AND ASSESSOR ELECTIONS DIVISION

Plan for Administration of the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election

Pursuant to Elections Code § 1604, the County of Santa Barbara 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 327 whole (AKA base or regular) precincts containing 46,082 poll voters into 115 voting (reporting) precincts. Of the 115 voting precincts, 74 are polling place precincts and 41 are mail ballot precincts. Voting precinct sizes, when deducting permanent vote by mail voters range from 0 to 1,698; the average registered polling place voters per precinct is 566. Voting Precincts have been established to ensure major jurisdictional boundaries are maintained and no base precinct has been split. The attached spreadsheet details which base precincts have been consolidated together, lists their geographical areas, and identifies precincts with 14201 designated languages. We additionally provided a column to identify locations where we place additional bilingual Spanish speaking election officers for Election Day. The seven precincts highlighted in yellow indicate the consolidations that exceed the 1,000 voter per precinct threshold, and for which we are seeking a waiver. These precincts consolidate 33 base precincts into 7 consolidated precincts.

Our efforts to secure the required in-person voting locations:

We began outreach to our in-person voting locations in May 2021 checking their availability as a polling place for a recall election expected to take place in November or December 2021, as well as for the 2022 primary and general elections. Of the 109 facilities contacted, 58 responded that they would be available for the recall election. After receiving verbal confirmation that the facilities were available, we began surveying facilities in June 2021. However, of those responding positively, several were in close proximity to each other or were deemed unsuitable as polling locations for accessibility or other reasons.

Since the date of the recall election was set on July 1, we have been contacting all facilities again to see if they are available to serve as a polling place on September 14, with facility use agreements sent on July 9. As of July 14, 55 locations have verbally committed to the use of their facility and we have received 6 signed use agreements for the recall election. Typically we utilize 86 polling places housing 168 precincts. Due to the shortened timeline, there is not enough time to secure the number of polling places for our typical election and meet all election deadlines.

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

Due to the fact that we are concurrently conducting a municipal election in November and will require the use of a portion of our existing ballot marking devices, we will be deploying at least one accessible ballot marking device for the recall election. The accessible ballot marking devices will be loaded with both English and Spanish content. Each voting precinct will be supplied with English and Spanish ballot stock and printed Chinese, Korean, and Tagalog facsimile ballots will be available in precincts that have been identified on our attached spreadsheet. All polling places have been surveyed for ADA compliance and will be mitigated to the extent possible for Election Day. Our office is also offering curbside voting at all polling place locations. Additional language and accessibility resources will be available through our website as they are every election and we will be using the state's provided interpreting services. We also meet with our Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) on a regular basis to review accessibility guidelines and our polling places.

As much as possible, polling places are selected based on their centrality to the precincts they serve. Larger sites are favored over smaller, especially when more than one consolidated voting precinct will be assigned to that location.

Mail ballot precincts are consolidated in the same manner as they are every election in Santa Barbara County.

JOSEPH E. HOLLAND
County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor
RENEE BISCHOF
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Official vote by mail ballot drop boxes will be made available at a minimum of 16 locations throughout the county beginning August 16 (E-29) to provide additional options for voters to return their vote by mail ballots. Ballot drop boxes will be open 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:

In Santa Barbara County, 80% of voters would normally have received a vote by mail ballot this election, but pursuant to Elections Code § 3000.5 all Californians who are registered, active and otherwise eligible to vote in the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election will receive a vote-by-mail ballot.

In March 2020 we utilized 86 polling place locations with 168 voting precincts under the traditional polling place method with a turnout of 15.72% for polling place precincts.

In November 2020, with all voters sent a vote by mail ballot, we had a vote by mail turnout of 78.09%. Based on the number of registered voters required for the consolidated polling place method, we were required to have 24 locations for the November Election. In order to meet the needs of our county and geographical communities we utilized 35 consolidated polling place locations open for 4-days. On Election Day, for the November 2020 Presidential General Election we had 9,158 voters vote a live ballot in-person, and 6,769 voters in the three days preceding Election Day. Over the four-day period polls were open, we had a total polling place turnout of 8.44%.

All of the foregoing plus the availability of official vote by mail drop boxes will result in a manageable in-person turnout at Santa Barbara County polling places. Additionally, we will operate a call center to verify a vote by mail (VBM) ballot has not been returned and void the outstanding VBM ballot for any voter who wants to vote at a polling place but who does not have their VBM ballot to surrender thereby reducing the number of provisional ballots issued to 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	Area	Polling Place	Additional Bi-Lingual Spanish Poll		Consol	Geographical Area	City TA	# of PCTS	Consol. Reg	1	2	3	4	5	6
			14201 Language	Workers Staffed											
1	CARP	Carpinteria Boys and Girls Club			10-0110	Carpinteria		3	543	10-1510	10-1520	10-1530			
1	STBR	Montecito Family YMCA			10-0120	Montecito		4	942	10-1570	10-1580	10-1590	10-1610		
1	STBR	SB Woman's Club			10-1630	Mission Canyon		1	342	10-1630					
1	CARP	Reality Church			11-0110	City Carpinteria		5	1612	11-1010	11-1030	11-1040	11-1070	11-1080	
1	STBR	Palm Park Beach House			12-0110	City Santa Barbara	1	2	418	12-1120	12-1260				
1	STBR	East Side Library		YES	12-0120	City Santa Barbara	1	3	986	12-1310	12-1320	12-1340			
1	STBR	Calvary Baptist Church	Chinese	YES	12-0310	City Santa Barbara	3	3	896	12-1110	12-1130	12-1170			
1	STBR	Santa Barbara High School		YES	12-0410	City Santa Barbara	4	2	424	12-1190	12-1370				
1	STBR	SB Woman's Club			12-0420	City Santa Barbara	4	5	1091	12-1280	12-1290	12-1390	12-1430	12-1470	
1	STBR	Mackenzie Park			12-0510	City Santa Barbara	5	2	261	12-1440	12-1460				
1	STBR	Westside Community Center		YES	12-0610	City Santa Barbara	6	3	929	12-1180	12-1210	12-1230			
1	STBR	Santa Barbara High School			12-1220	City Santa Barbara	6	1	301	12-1220					
1	STBR	Westside Community Center		YES	12-1240	City Santa Barbara	3	1	110	12-1240					
1	STBR	SB Municipal Tennis Center			12-1380	City Santa Barbara	4	1	171	12-1380					
1	STBR	Hope Elementary School			20-0110	Hope		2	237	20-2530	20-2540				
1	STBR	SBCC Wake			20-0120	Hope		6	1445	20-2560	20-2710	20-2720	20-2730	20-2760	20-2770
1	STBR	San Marcos High School			20-0130	Hope		5	1698	20-2570	20-2580	20-2610	20-2620	20-2630	
1	STBR	Washington School	Chinese		22-0210	City Santa Barbara	2	4	816	22-2010	22-2020	22-2030	22-2040		
1	STBR	La Cumbre Junior High School			22-0220	City Santa Barbara	2	5	1067	22-2090	22-2110	22-2120	22-2130	22-2160	
1	STBR	La Cumbre Junior High School		YES	22-0510	City Santa Barbara	5	2	350	22-2070	22-2080				
1	STBR	Hope Elementary School			22-0520	City Santa Barbara	5	3	689	22-2180	22-2260	22-2280			
1	STBR	Mackenzie Park			22-0530	City Santa Barbara	5	2	289	22-2190	22-2210				
1	STBR	SBCC Schott Campus			22-0610	City Santa Barbara	6	2	418	22-2220	22-2230				
1	STBR	SB Woman's Club			22-2240	City Santa Barbara	4	1	111	22-2240					
1	STBR	Saint Raphael's Church			23-0110	City Goleta		2	533	23-2310	23-2320				
1	STBR	Goleta Presbyterian Church			23-0120	City Goleta		2	681	23-2330	23-2370				
1	STBR	ISSB			23-0130	City Goleta		2	529	23-2380	23-2390				
1	STBR	Brandon School			23-0140	City Goleta		2	661	23-2420	23-2440				
1	STBR	UCSB Santa Nicolas Hall	Chinese		30-0110	UCSB		4	31	30-3110	30-3120	30-3130	30-3140		
1	STBR	Sierra Madre	Chinese		30-0130	UCSB		3	101	30-3170	30-3180	30-3190			
1	STBR	Isla Vista Community Center			30-0210	Isla Vista		2	565	30-3260	30-3290				
1	STBR	St. Michael's University			30-0220	Isla Vista		2	464	30-3270	30-3280				
1	STBR	SB Student Housing Coop			30-0240	Isla Vista		2	553	30-3330	30-3340				
1	STBR	SB Student Housing Coop			30-0250	Isla Vista		2	493	30-3360	30-3370				
1	STYN	Saint Mark's-in-the-Valley Presbyterian Church			30-0310	Valley		2	380	30-3530	30-3670				
1	STYN	Santa Ynez Community Services District			30-0320	Valley		4	720	30-3610	30-3620	30-3630	30-3640		
1	LMPC	Providence Landing			30-0410	Vandenberg Village		3	994	30-3810	30-3820	30-3830			
1	LMPC	Saint Mary's Episcopal Church			30-0420	Lompoc		2	486	30-3840	30-3860				
1	STBR	San Clemente Villages	Chinese		30-3160	UCSB		1	130	30-3160					
1	STBR	Isla Vista Community Center			30-3310	Isla Vista		1	316	30-3310					
1	STBR	St. Michael's University			30-3320	Isla Vista		1	318	30-3320					
1	STMR	Olga Reed Elementary School			30-3880	Los Alamos		1	243	30-3880					
1	STMR	Arrellanes Junior High School			30-3910	Tanglewood		1	214	30-3910					
1	STBR	Sierra Madre			33-3010	City Goleta		1	321	33-3010					
1	STBR	Mariposa at Elwood Shores			33-0120	City Goleta		2	680	33-3020	33-3040				
1	STBR	Brandon School			33-3060	City Goleta		1	283	33-3060					
1	STYN	Old Mission Santa Ines			34-0110	City Solvang		2	708	34-3080	34-3090				
1	STYN	Church at the Crossroads			35-0110	City Buellton		2	630	35-3120	35-3130				
1	STMR	River View Townhomes		YES	38-0110	City Guadalupe		2	637	38-3170	38-3180				
1	STMR	South Valley Community Church			40-0110	Orcutt		3	741	40-4610	40-4620	40-4630			
1	STMR	Orcutt Junior High			40-0120	Orcutt		3	863	40-4640	40-4660	40-4670			
1	STMR	Church of Jesus Christ LDS			40-0130	Orcutt		4	1343	40-4710	40-4730	40-4740	40-4760		
1	STMR	Masonic Hall			40-0210	Orcutt		3	1137	40-4770	40-4780	40-4810			

2	LMPC	Church of JCLDS			46-0110	City Lompoc	1	2	772	46-4120	46-4170
2	LMPC	North Avenue Baptist			46-0210	City Lompoc	2	2	783	46-4080	46-4140
2	LMPC	Grace Baptist			46-0310	City Lompoc	3	2	734	46-4010	46-4090
2	LMPC	Dick DeWees			46-0420	City Lompoc	4	2	402	46-4040	46-4060
2	LMPC	Events Mission Valley			46-4020	City Lompoc	3	1	301	46-4020	
2	LMPC	Dick DeWees			46-4030	City Lompoc	4	1	368	46-4030	
2	LMPC	North Avenue Baptist			46-4160	City Lompoc	1	1	393	46-4160	
1	STMR	Minami Community Center			47-0310	City Santa Maria	3	2	404	47-4270	47-4280
1	STMR	Grace Baptist			47-0410	City Santa Maria	4	2	617	47-4220	47-4230
1	STMR	Santa Maria Foursquare	Tagalog	YES	57-0110	City Santa Maria	1	2	801	57-5340	57-5380
1	STMR	Tommie Kunst Jr. High		YES	57-0120	City Santa Maria	1	2	634	57-5410	57-5420
1	STMR	Taylor Elementary School	Tagalog	YES	57-0210	City Santa Maria	2	2	664	57-5240	57-5260
1	STMR	People of Greatness		YES	57-0220	City Santa Maria	2	2	591	57-5320	57-5330
1	STMR	Minami Community Center			57-0310	City Santa Maria	3	3	668	57-5010	57-5040 57-5080
1	STMR	Bob Orach Community Building		YES	57-0320	City Santa Maria	3	2	441	57-5110	57-5120
1	STMR	Grace Baptist	Korean		57-0410	City Santa Maria	4	2	502	57-5020	57-5030
1	STMR	Bethel Lutheran	Korean		57-0420	City Santa Maria	4	2	551	57-5060	57-5070
1	STMR	Edwards Community Center	Tagalog	YES	57-0440	City Santa Maria	4	3	662	57-5210	57-5220 57-5230
1	STMR	People of Greatness		YES	57-5310	City Santa Maria	4	1	313	57-5310	
1	STMR	Santa Maria Foursquare		YES	57-5360	City Santa Maria	2	1	337	57-5360	
1	STMR	Tommie Kunst Jr. High		YES	57-5370	City Santa Maria	2	1	327	57-5370	