



## **Solano County Registrar of Voters Office**

### Purpose:

Recommendation for November 2020 with contingencies based on Health directives.

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## November 3, 2020 – Goals for November

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- Put safeguards in place to protect health of voters, pollworkers, staff, observers, and poll place facilities.
- Maintain low wait-times for voter services.
- Increase Voter Awareness / encourage use of alternative of options voting.
- Ensure election is transparent, secure, accurate, and results are timely!



## November 3, 2020 – Method to Achieve Goals

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- Send all voters a vote by mail ballot with pre-paid postage.
- Increase mailings to voters about different options for voting.
- Increase use of accessible vote by mail program.
- Increase and Encourage Early voting / Ballot drop-off use.
- Where in-person voting is possible, provide additional PPE and physical separation for voters.
- Extend Canvass time to allow staff spacing for safe working environment.



## November 3, 2020 – PPE ideas



- Traditional Check-in Stations with physical barriers between pollworkers and voters.
- Gloves, masks, hand sanitizer offered to all voters, but provided to poll workers.
- Disposable pens given to each voter.



## November 3, 2020 – PPE ideas



- Encouraging more curb-side voting, and parking-lot services for ballot drop-off.
- Enough masks and gloves to be replaced throughout the day for pollworkers interfacing with public.

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## November 3, 2020 – PPE ideas



- Ensure polling places are large enough to support social distancing for voters inside.
- Clean equipment and voting booths often.
- Provide PPE for voters.



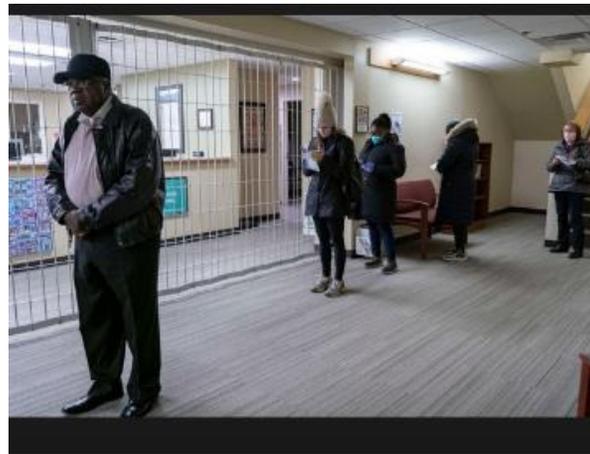
## November 3, 2020 – PPE ideas



- Ensure proper queuing distances for voters inside and outside of voting areas.



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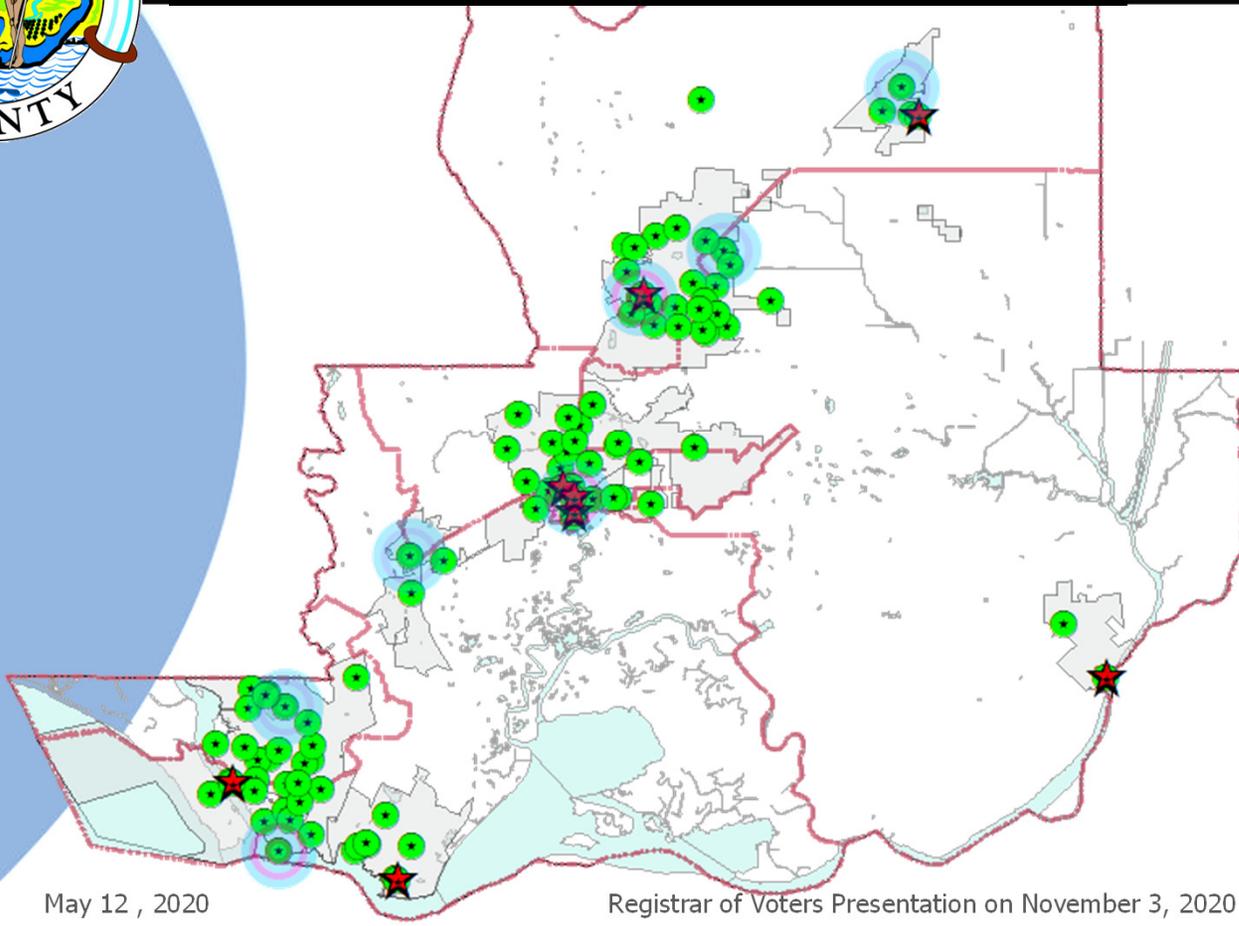
## November 3, 2020 – ROV Plan

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- ROV planning for expanded push for Vote by Mail and Early Voting:
  - Expecting mailing 100% of voters vote-by-mail ballots;
  - Expecting 8 locations for 30-day ballot drop-off;
  - Expecting 7 locations for 5-day curbside drop-off;
  - Expecting 91 in-person Election Day polling places;
- 2 additional pre-election notices to voters explaining the changes.
- Increase PPE for staff and pollworkers
  - (gloves, masks, sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, protective barrier shields)
- Monitor changes by health order or Governor Executive Order



# November 3, 2020 – ROV Current Plan



- ★ 30-day drop off locations (one per city)
- 🎯 5-day drop curbside drop off(2x Vallejo, Fairfield, Vacaville; 1x Dixon)
- Election Day Poll Places  
7 - Benicia;  
4 - Dixon;  
2 - Rio Vista;  
21 - Fairfield;  
6 - Suisun;  
23 - Vacaville;  
28 - Vallejo

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## November 3, 2020 – ROV Contingency Plans

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### **Based on Health Directive or Executive Order, possible problems ROV has identified:**

- Poll Locations may not allow us to host voting;
- Poll Workers may not show up or sign up to expose themselves to large gatherings;
- ROV staff may be reduced due to illness within office staff;
- High Turnout election expected – reduction in locations will cause increased wait times for voters that decide to come out.
- Last minute adjustments may cause increased costs.



## November 3, 2020 – ROV Contingency Plans

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### Level 1 Contingency (loss of up to 40% of polling places and/or poll workers)

- Relocate voters to nearby larger voting locations (super poll place);
- Add full service satellite office in nearby affected areas for 4 days including election day
  - any voter from any location, **up to 3 satellite locations**
- Notice voters of a potential 10-20% increase in wait times on election day (potential 30-40 minute wait on election day).



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### Level 2 Contingency (loss of 40 to 80% of polling places and/or poll workers)

- Relocate voters to nearby larger voting locations (super poll places);
- Add full service satellite office in nearby affected areas for 4 days including election day
  - any voter from any location, **up to 6 satellite locations**
- Notice voters of a potential 20-30% increase in wait times on election day (potential 50-60 minute wait on election day).



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### Level 3 Contingency (loss of 80 to 100% of polling places and/or poll workers)

- In-person voting only available at full service satellite office in nearby affected areas for 4 days including election day
  - any voter from any location, **up to 12 satellite locations.**
- Consider “Drive-through” voting at satellite locations.
- Notice voters of a potential 30-40% increase in wait times on election day (potential 80-90 minute wait on election day).



# November 3, 2020 – ROV Contingency Plans

Plan	Traditional Poll Places (1 day)	Full Service Locations (4 days)	Ballot Drop-Off Locations (30 days)	Curbside Drop-Off Locations (5 days)	Estimated Extra Cost (to be presented to the board as a request for mid-year budget adjustment)
Standard Plan + 100% VBM	91	1	8	7	Fully Funded in FY 20/21 REQ. Budget
Level 1	50-55	3	8	7	+ 146k - <u>90k</u> <b>\$ 56k total</b>
Level 2	20-40	6	8	7	+ 293k - <u>135k</u> <b>\$ 158k total</b>
Level 3	0-5	12	8	7	+ 587k - <u>229k</u> <b>\$ 358k total</b>



## November 3, 2020 – Support AB860

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### **AB860 – Berman (14 co-authors)**

- Allows sending all voters a vote-by mail ballot.
- Provides in-person voting defined by ROV office.
- Allows for ROV flexibility in following county health orders

### **Alternate - Draft Executive Order.**

- Drafted by California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO).
- Extends Accessible ballot to all voters.
- More time for USPS and Canvass procedures.



## November 3, 2020 – Pollworker stipend change

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### **Adjust Stipend Pay to consider multiple-days worked.**

- Current Stipend only considers a single day of election activity.
- No changes to base pay for any category.
- Poll places may be asked to be used for multiple days.



## Concluding – Board action

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### Approve ROV recommendation:

- Approve a resolution supporting AB860 allowing County Election Officials to conduct the November 3rd 2020 election as an all-mail ballot election with traditional polling places
- Approve modified pollworker stipends for adopting contingency plan if necessary.



# Questions?

[www.solanocounty.com/elections](http://www.solanocounty.com/elections)

## ROV Website:

- Register to vote
- Verify registration
- Find your polling Place;
- Election details;
- Sample Ballots;
- Maps;
- Candidate information

## Registrar Of Voters

Registered Voters as of 4/20/2020 (updated weekly)

Democrat: 115,580 Republican: 54,478 Other: 71,191 | Total: 241,249 ↑

Voters Requesting to Vote by Mail: 181,830 | 75.37% ↑

REGISTER TO VOTE	VERIFY VOTER REGISTRATION	MILITARY AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS	REQUEST TO VOTE BY MAIL
DISTRICT LOOKUP	LOOK UP VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT STATUS	SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS	POLL WORKERS

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(707) 784-6675; or [Elections@solanocounty.com](mailto:Elections@solanocounty.com)

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### November 3, 2020 - Presidential General Election

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[Election Calendar](#)

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