MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for February 1, 2010

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer to the Board of Supervisors. This report provides information on issues affecting the County and the progress of County activities.

Elections

June 8, 2010 Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election. Candidates seeking nomination to offices scheduled for election at the June election have been visiting the office obtaining signature in-lieu petitions to collect signatures to reduce their filing fees. The period for filing Declarations of Intent for election to Superior Court Judge in Monterey County opened February 1, 2010 and will close on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. The nomination period for obtaining declarations of candidacy and nomination papers opens Monday, February 15, 2010, closing on Friday, March 12, 2010. The Department has posted the Candidate Guideline booklet on the website under the tab, “Candidate Services” or by following this link: http://www.montereycountyelections.us/guidelines_election_1.htm. This helpful booklet covers the nomination and election processes for all offices set to appear on the ballot this coming June, including qualifications, documents to file, and important deadlines.

Sunday, January 24, 2010 was the 135-day deadline for qualified political parties to notify the Secretary of State whether or not they would allow voters who are NOT affiliated with a qualified political party to request their party’s ballot. This is California’s Modified Primary System that has been in place since 2002 (California once had a “blanket primary” system, adopted by the voters, which allowed ALL voters to cross-over to a different party ballot; however, this system of voting was challenged in court by political parties as it may take away
their right to affiliate). For the upcoming Primary Election, the Democratic and California Republican Parties will allow unaffiliated voters to participate. Voters who have “declined to state” an affiliation with a political party (referred to as DTS or nonpartisan voters), or those voters who are currently registered with a non-qualified political party in this State (Reform, Whig, Liberal to name a few) are the only voters eligible to “cross-over”. Voters who are registered to vote with a qualified political party may only choose from candidates running in their affiliated party. If the voter wishes to change parties, or change to “decline to state”, they must submit a new voter registration form by the deadline of Monday, May 24, 2010. If not, they must vote the party ballot with which they are registered to vote.

The Department is now preparing a post-card mailer for all nonpartisan permanent vote by mail voters to inquire their ballot choices before printing and mailing out ballots in early May.

Thursday, January 28, 2010 was the 131-day deadline for the qualification of state ballot propositions. There are four propositions qualified for the ballot. However, the Legislature typically waives their own deadline in order they may place additional propositions on the ballot before the voters. In other words, this list may not be complete.

The following information was obtained from the Secretary of State’s website on Friday, January 29, 2010 (http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures.htm )

**June 2010 Statewide Ballot Measures**


**Statutes:** AB 583. (Chapter 735, 2008), Hancock. Political Reform Act of 1974: California Fair Elections Act of 2008.

**Initiative Statute: 1381. (09-0028)** Allows Auto Insurance Companies to Base Their Prices in Part on a Driver's History of Insurance Coverage.


This concludes the CAO Weekly Report.