

**COST & INFORMATION ALLOCATION FOR CANDIDATES and BALLOT MEASURES**  
**In the Voter's Pamphlet/Handbook/Guide**

1. Who makes the decisions about the cost to the local, regional agency or county candidate or ballot measure proponent and opponent to have information included in the appropriate voter's guide? State? County? Relevant agency, city or jurisdiction?
  - The Registrar of Voter's estimates the cost of printing candidate statements within the VIG based on the cost assessed from the printers.
  - Cost for printing Ballot Measure information in the VIG is based on the cost assessment from the printer.
2. Is the answer different for Candidate Statements and for Ballot Measure text and Arguments?
  - Yes, candidate statement cost estimates are based on the number printed per page. Ballot measure information is based on a per page cost.
3. Who decides who pays? For candidate? For Ballot Proponent/Opponent?
  - The jurisdiction decides whether the candidates will pay a deposit or full cost of the statement.
  - Ballot measure information printed is paid by the jurisdiction.
4. Does the Election Code define who pays cost?  
If decided locally, which agency or entity decides?
  - Elections Code section 13307(3) (c) defines Candidate Statement cost is determined by the local agency for printing, handling, translating and mailing the statements.
5. How is the fee for a candidate or measure proponent/opponent statement or argument calculated? By ROV? Or?
  - Fees for candidate statements are calculated by the number of registered voters within the jurisdiction, by language and number of statements per page.
  - Ballot measure information is calculated by the number of pages.
6. How is the cost charged to the agency or government entity that is holding an election determined?
  - Each jurisdiction is billed by the vendor.
7. Which agency or elected body pays or subsidizes cost for candidate statements?  
For ballot measures statements or arguments?  
Is there an Election Code section explaining payment subsidies?
  - See Attachment 1
  - Alameda County does not charge a fee for filing of arguments for measures within their authority.
  - Each city may or may not charge for filing of ballot arguments.
8. How does the County ROV decide whether translations into other languages are needed?
  - Voting Rights Act Sections 4(f) (4) and Section 203(c) Alameda County is mandated by the DOJ Consent Decree to provide all election and ballot materials to the 5% languages.

## FOR BALLOT MEASURES

Which agency makes the final decision on the ballot measure text published in election materials sent to voters?

Is there an Election Code provision that decides which measure will have their full text published in the Voter's Guide and which will have only a shorter edited text published?

- Each jurisdiction determines the information published within the VIG.
- The jurisdiction has the authority to determine whether the full text will be printed or made available by request.

## PRECINCT LOCATION

How is precinct location determined?

Does that system change for a special election? An off-year election? A General Election?

- Consolidated precincts are based upon the type of election and jurisdictions within the election and number of registered voters within the consolidation. EC12200-12288.

## UNCONTESTED RACES

How is the decision about whether to publish information about uncontested races made?

Is it made by the agency for which the election would be held or by the ROV?

Is cost the only consideration? Is yes, how is that cost calculated? Has the ROV's Office considered listing at least the basic information about the uncontested races in the voter's guide?

- The Elections Code outlines by jurisdiction the Provision for no one or only one candidate files; appointment top office.

## KEEPING VOTER ROLLS INFORMATION UP TO DATE

What is the process?

- ROV reviews and updates voter rolls using data received from the voter, SOS, USPS, county agencies and DMV.

How often is it done? Monthly? Quarterly? After an election? As information is submitted to ROV? By other agencies? By voters themselves?

- ROV conducts file maintenance on the voter rolls in daily, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly intervals.

What happens if a voter moves and Alameda County ROV is not informed?

Does the voter stay indefinitely on the voter rolls?

- ROV receives undeliverable mail from the USPS and updates information (i.e. new address, moved out of county) and data received from other counties when voter re-registers (when voter provides prior registration information on affidavit).
- Through the file maintenance performed by the ROV the record is updated.

How will these answers change once the VoteCal project is in place?

- Voter registration information will be captured statewide and made available to counties when voters register or re-register.