



**MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**ONLINE AGENDA SUMMARY**

**BOARD AGENDA # 4(c)**

- Arrangements for public hearings and timed presentations must be made with the Clerk of the Board in advance of public/media noticing
- Agenda Summaries must be submitted no later than *noon* Monday, 15 days prior to the meeting date (along with electronic submittals)
- Send 14 complete sets (original, single-sided+13 copies) – Items must be signed-off by appropriate departments and/or County Counsel
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- Electronic Agenda Transmission Checklist:  Agenda Summary  Records  If applicable, list other online information below
- Executed records will be returned to the department within one week. Arrangements for expedited processing must be made in advance

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: April 12, 2016  
 FROM: Supervisor John McCowen MEETING DATE: April 19, 2016  
 DEPARTMENT RESOURCE/CONTACT: John McCowen PHONE: 463-4441 Present  On Call   
 Consent Agenda  Regular Agenda  Noticed Public Hearing  Time Allocated for Item: N/A

**■ AGENDA TITLE: Approval of Letter of Support to Legislators for Senate Bill 1288 (Leno) - Local Options for Elections**

**■ PREVIOUS BOARD/BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS:** No previous action.

**■ SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** Senate Bill (SB) 1288 would allow cities and counties to adopt majority winner voting methods without having to go to the expense of a traditional two round run-off election. Change to a majority winner voting method is entirely voluntary and requires voter approval from the voters of each local jurisdiction in order to be enacted. Currently, many local elections do not provide for a run-off, so multiple candidates may split the vote resulting in the election of candidates who received less than 50% of the vote. Alternately, jurisdictions like Mendocino County that conduct run-off elections, must often hold two elections to determine a winner.

SB 1288 will allow local jurisdictions the option to adopt ranked choice voting which allows voters to rank the candidates in order of preference which allows a majority winner to be determined in a single election without a costly second election. This system also allows the election to be scheduled at the same time as the state general election, which traditionally has a higher turnout than the June primary. Supervisor John McCowen requests that the Board of Supervisors approve a letter of support for SB 1288.

- SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:** N/A
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD (CHECKED BY COB IF APPLICABLE):**

FISCAL IMPACT:			
Source of Funding	Current F/Y Cost	Annual Recurring Cost	Budgeted in Current F/Y
N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**■ SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 1  2  3  4  5  All  **■ VOTE REQUIREMENT:** Majority  4/5ths

**■ RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** Approve letter of support for SB 1288 (Leno) - Local Options for Elections; authorize Chair to sign same; and further, direct staff to transmit the letter.

- ALTERNATIVES:** Do not approve the letter of support or approve with modifications.
- CEO REVIEW (NAME):** Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO PHONE: 463-4441

**RECOMMENDATION:** Agree  Disagree  No Opinion  Alternate  Staff Report Attached

**BOARD ACTION (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_):**  Approved  Referred to \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORDS EXECUTED:**  Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_  Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_  Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_