

FY 2019-20 Budget Workshop Board Inquiry Form

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Department: Clerk Recorder-Assessor

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Request/Question:

Expansion Requests 1 and 2 appear to be ongoing costs every two years during the election cycles. Would the Clerk Recorder-Assessor come back to the Board each year to fund these items or will this be built into their budget for future budgets?

The Board of Supervisors set aside \$340,000 in General County Programs as part of the FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget to cover potential costs anticipated by the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's implementation of the California Motor Voter Program. As the department has been able to absorb these costs in the current fiscal year, the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor (CRA) will not draw on the funds set aside in the current fiscal year.

The CEO recommends that the Board roll-forward that set aside of \$340,000 in General County Programs into FY 2019-20 for CRA to draw on to cover elections-related costs, including costs associated with vote-by-mail ballots return postage (Expansion Request 1) and additional satellite offices (Expansion Request 2), should CRA's existing appropriations be insufficient to cover such costs. Due to the cyclical nature of elections, costs can fluctuate from year to year and the CEO recommends maintaining a balance in General County Programs to help CRA cover such costs in subsequent years as needed.