

DEAN C. LOGAN Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

May 30, 2013

TO: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman

Supervisor Don Knabe Supervisor Gloria Molina

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky

FROM: Dean C. Logan, Begistrar-Recorder/County Clerk

## NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) GRANT SECTION 261

This is to inform your Board of our intent to accept a \$30,000 HAVA grant aimed at improving accessibility and participation in the election process by individuals with a wide range of disabilities. This grant is being disbursed by the Secretary of State.

## **BACKGROUND**

On December 6, 2005, your Board authorized the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) to apply for federal reimbursement funds under the Help America Vote Act Section 261 and to execute the State of California Standard Agreement to complete the project.

On February 22, 2013, the Secretary of State announced a new round of grant funding giving county elections officials the opportunity to apply for up to \$30,000 in HAVA 261 funds to be used for:

- √ surveying polling places;
- ✓ attending Secretary of State sponsored polling place surveyor training;
- ✓ purchasing equipment to improve accessibility to polling places (including)
- ✓ signage); and
- developing voter education or poll worker training programs related to polling place accessibility.

The RR/CC applied and received approval for the \$30,000 HAVA grant on May 1, 2013.

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## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Goal number 2: Fiscal Sustainability: Strengthen and enhance the County's capacity to sustain essential County services through proactive and prudent fiscal policies and stewardship.

## CONCLUSION

The RR/CC continues to find ways to increase efficiencies in government, especially during the on-going economic downturn and the limited funds being directed to our County. Our aim is to provide quality services to our constituents in the most responsive, cost-effective manner possible. With this aim, we continue to pursue alternate funding sources whenever the opportunity presents itself.

There is no financial impact to the County as a result of this action.

DCL:RF:APL PT:fp

c: Chief Executive Office Chief Information Officer County Counsel