

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONDUCTING) RESOLUTION NO. 10-125
THE JANUARY 4, 2011 SPECIAL GENERAL)
ELECTION FOR STATE SENATOR BY ALL MAIL)
BALLOT)

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador have determined that it is in the best interest of the County to support the proposal of legislation to hold the January 4, 2011 Special General Election for the State Senate seat for District 1 by all mail ballot; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no requirement for reimbursement for costs of the election and the need for the election was unknown at the time the County adopted the current fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the cost to conduct the special election with polling places could be approximately \$80,000 – \$90,000 of additional funds not included in this year’s budget; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the savings by conducting the special general election by all mail ballot is approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, weather conditions in the winter months poses several threats such as, limited abilities to delivery polling place equipment, unavailability of polling place workers, power failures, and extremely dangerous road conditions, placing both the polling place workers and voters at risk; and,

WHEREAS, it would be very difficult to obtain election workers for the January 4, 2011 Special General Election due to the Christmas and New Year’s Day holidays and the intervening training that would be necessary; and

WHEREAS, regardless of publicity via the media and interested parties and organizations, the turn out in the past for this type of election is historically low at polling places; and

WHEREAS, in comparison, vote-by-mail turnout has increased to the point that more voters cast their ballot through the mail than at the polling locations; and

WHEREAS, the majority of voters in Amador County have already requested to permanently receive their ballots by mail, leaving less than one-half of the voters to attend polling places to vote.

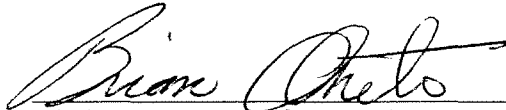
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors hereby urges that emergency legislation be passed to authorize counties to conduct the January 4, 2011 Special General Election by all mail ballot.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 17th day of August, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Brian Oneto, John Plasse, Richard M. Forster, Louis D. Boitano and Theodore F. Novelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy