

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
APRIL 14th, 2026

Preliminary Maintenance of Effort

CYNTHIA CORNEJO
INTERIM REGISTRAR of VOTERS



ALAMEDA COUNTY
Registrar of Voters



About Us

Mission Statement

- Seek better ways to provide services to encourage all eligible residents to exercise the right to vote
- Conduct elections in a fair, accurate and efficient manner that inspires public confidence in the County elections process
- Maintain a continuous professional level of service to the public
- Develop new techniques to improve outreach services, which acknowledge the diversity of Alameda County

Mandated Services

All services provided by the Registrar of Voters' Office are mandated by the California Elections Code, the California Government Code, and the California Constitution and include:

- Voter Registration
- Vote by Mail
- Voter Outreach
- Candidate Services
- Election Services



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Financial Summary

FY 2026-27 Preliminary Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Overview

Registrar of Voters	FY 2025-26 Approved Budget	FY 2026-27 Preliminary Maintenance of Effort Budget	Change from FY 25-26 Approved to FY 26-27 Preliminary MOE	
			Amount	Percentage
Appropriations	32,500,201	33,882,532	1,382,331	4.25%
Revenue	7,335,061	21,257,245	13,922,184	189.80%
Net County Cost	25,165,140	12,625,287	(12,539,853)	(49.83%)
FTE – MGMT	7.83	8.83	1.00	12.77%
FTE – Non MGMT	42.61	41.61	(1.00)	(2.35%)
Total FTE	50.44	50.44	0.00	0.00%



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Major Components of Net County Cost (NCC) Change (in Millions)

Component	NCC Change
Salary & Employee Benefits	\$0.4
Increased Services and Supplies for the November 2026 General Election	\$0.4
Internal Service Fund adjustments	\$0.6
Increased Revenue from the November 2026 General Election	(\$13.9)
Total Decreased Net County Cost	(\$12.5)



Total Appropriations: \$33,882,532

FY 2026-27

\$6,808,931

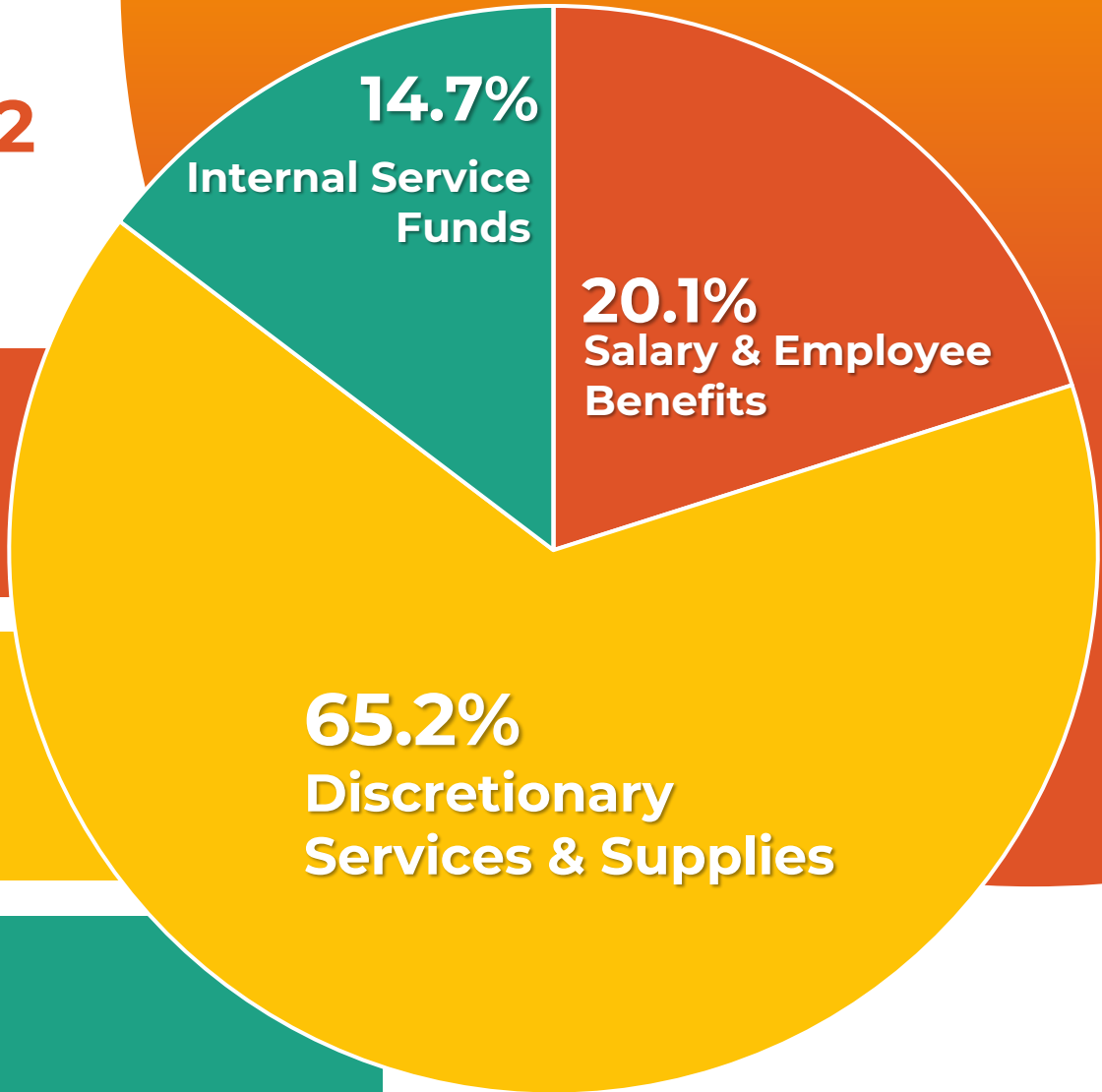
Salary & Employee Benefits

\$22,101,645

Discretionary Services & Supplies

\$4,971,956

Internal Service Funds



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Total Revenue: \$21,257,245

FY 2026-27 Revenue

\$253,906

State Aid

\$30,000

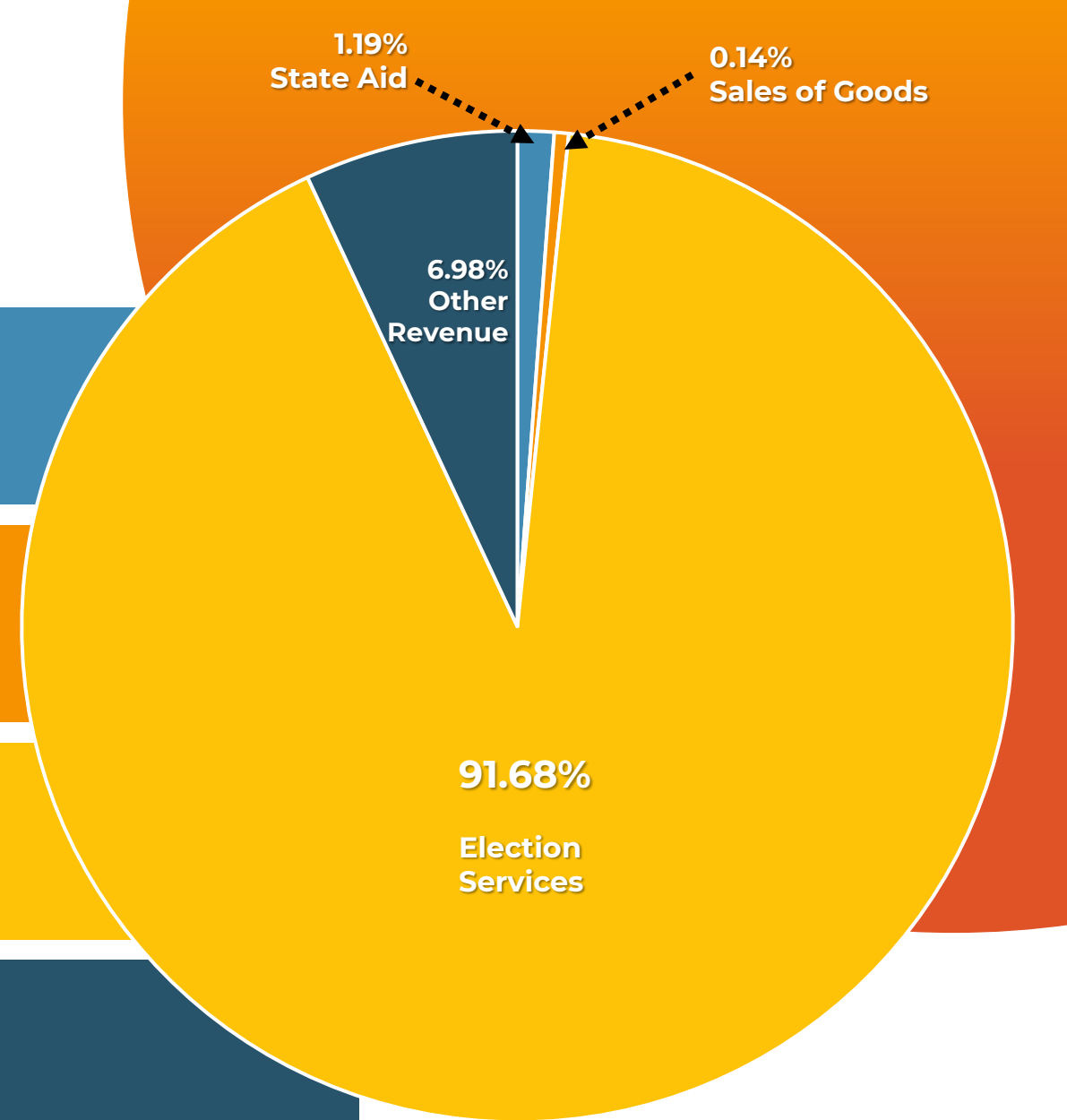
Sales of Goods

\$19,489,618

Election Services

\$1,483,721

Other Revenue



*The Registrar of Voters does not receive funding from Community Based Organizations



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FY 2026-27 Preliminary MOE Key Investments (In Millions)

Service	FY26-27 Appropriations	FY26-27 Revenue	FY26-27 NCC	FTE
Election Services	\$21.75	\$20.97 Election Services & Other Revenue	\$0.78	32.09
Registration & Vote by Mail	\$10.64	\$0.28 State Aid & Sales of Goods	\$10.36	12.68
Voter Outreach	\$0.91	\$0.00	\$0.91	1.94
Recruiting	\$0.33	\$0.00	\$0.33	1.71
Candidate Services	\$0.25	\$0.00	\$0.25	2.02



Mandated & Discretionary Services

Mandated: \$33,882,532 Appropriations | \$12,625,287 NCC

- Voter Outreach: \$0.91 Million
 - Drive voter engagement through events, advertising, and other means
- Candidate Services: \$0.25 Million
 - Provide support and services to candidates prior to and during elections
- Recruiting: \$0.33 Million
 - Recruit, hire, and manage hundreds of Election Workers per statewide election
- Registration and Vote by Mail: \$10.64 Million
 - Maintain voter rolls through the statewide database
 - Provide support to voters, in person and by mail
 - Prepare and process official ballot packets for Vote by Mail
- November 2026 General Election: \$21.75 Million
 - Conduct the Statewide General Election for nearly one million registered voters

Discretionary Services: N/A



Direct Impact of State & Federal Budget

Impacts of Funding Reductions

Human Impacts

- Reduce educational and outreach services provided to voters
- Future voting experience enhancements placed on hold

Revenue and Cost-Saving Efforts

- The Registrar of Voters provides mandated election services, so opportunities for revenue growth are limited
- Revenue is primarily cost-recovery based and may increase when unplanned special elections occur
- Cost-saving efforts include careful resource planning, streamlining workflows, and leveraging existing systems to minimize operational expenses while maintaining compliance with legal requirements and service standards

Direct Impact

- The Registrar of Voters is not expecting a direct impact from either the state or federal budgets
- The California Secretary of State has not proposed a reduction in budget or reimbursement programs
- The Registrar of Voters does not receive direct federal funding



Accomplishments FY 24-25



Successfully Conducted Elections

- November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election
 - Total Voter Turnout – 52.67%
 - Total Registered Voters – 965,876
 - 5,227 Increase from November 2024 General Election

Enhancing Transparency and Voter Confidence

- Advanced Notification System for Election Observation
- Election Attendants
 - Accompany and assist observers
 - Provide security to Vote by Mail Processing Areas



Thriving & Resilient Population, Safe & Livable Communities

- *Promoted increased voter participation and encouraged feedback to enhance the voter experience*
- *Expanded outreach and education to all communities with low voter participation*

Goals & Priorities

FY 2026-2027

Security

- Permanent Security Fence and Gate (Warehouse)
- Security Camera System & Alarm Enhancement (Warehouse)

Youth Voting

- In-person at Vote Centers
- Boosting Registration and Participation Totals
- **ACYouthVoice** Leadership

Election Processing & Enhancements

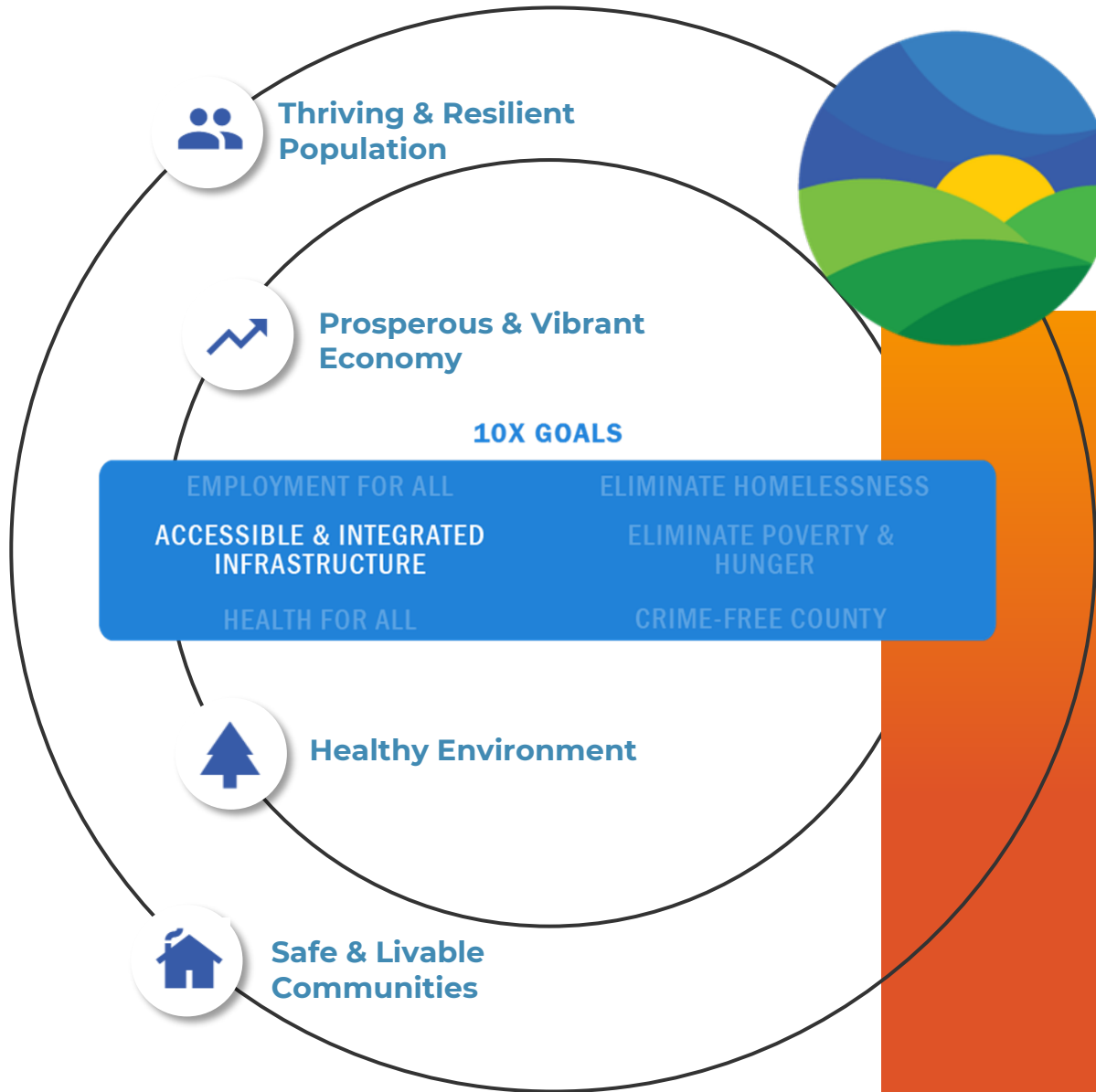
- “Vote by Mail Your Way” - Assembly Bill 626
- Repurpose the Data Center for Vote by Mail Processing
- Increase Adjudication Workstations
- Redesign Election Signage
- Enhanced Observation Experience
- Multi-year Vote Center Lease Card Program
- Strengthen Relationships with All Partnerships and Develop New Ones



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ACVOTE Strategy

Build systems that reduce friction & boost trust—especially for underserved communities

- Multilingual Messaging
- Physical & Digital Access
- Community-Based Voting
- Tech That Travels
- Feedback Loops

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Our Goals and Mission Support Vision 2036

- A fair, accurate, and trusted elections process helps create **safe and livable communities** because it strengthens public confidence in local government.
- It also supports a **healthy environment** by ensuring all eligible residents can vote on policies that affect clean air, water, land use, and climate resilience.





Thank you.

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