



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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TO: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Chair
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FROM: Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE BLUECREST MACHINE EXCEEDING \$250,000 UNDER THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 SENATE BILL 111 BOARD MOTION

This is to advise your Board of the intent of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) to proceed with the purchase of one BlueCrest Automated Signature Recognition (ASR) Machine and associated facility low-voltage installation at approximately \$1,000,000 for the purpose of expediting vote counting activities.

BACKGROUND

On September 1, 2026, your Board approved a motion (Motion) relating to Senate Bill 111 (SB 111). This bill was approved on June 29, 2026 and amends the Budget Act of 2026. Pursuant to SB 111, the California Department of Finance appropriated \$34 million statewide to counties for the purpose of expediting the vote counting process and to provide voter outreach and education for the November 3, 2026, General Election (General Election). On August 4, 2026, the Department of Finance directed the State Controller's Office to remit these funds directly to county elections officials, allocating a total of \$8,000,000 to Los Angeles County (County), of which \$6,823,529 was allocated toward expediting the vote counting process in the County.

Because this funding was announced roughly three months before the General Election, the County, through the RR/CC, has a significantly compressed window to utilize the available funding to procure equipment, staffing, and vendor services needed to expedite vote counting, including the purchase of BlueCrest machines for ballot processing. A standard competitive procurement process could not reliably deliver the equipment and services in time for the upcoming General Election.

To ensure the County can put SB 111 funding to use before the General Election, your Board, through the Motion, delegated authority to the RR/CC and authorized the RR/CC or their designee, as the County's agent, to conduct all negotiations, and execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, agreements and amendments, which may be necessary to receive State funds under SB 111. In the same Motion, your Board also authorized the RR/CC or their designee to execute purchase orders for materials, equipment and/or machines necessary to expedite vote processing activities, including sole-source purchases as necessary to meet the General Election deadline, provided that RR/CC will notify the Board in writing of its intent to proceed prior to executing purchases exceeding \$250,000 under this delegated authority.

In accordance with the Motion, the RR/CC is hereby providing notification to your Board of its intent to proceed with the purchase of a fourth BlueCrest ASR Machine, which costs approximately \$1,000,000, exceeding the \$250,000 Board notification threshold. The BlueCrest ASR Machine will be used to further expedite vote counting processing in compliance with SB 111.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding will be added within the Mid-Year Budget Adjustment #1 for FY 2026-27. Additionally, an action budget adjustment was processed to temporarily realign funding into capital assets to ensure the purchases can be moved through rapidly and restoration of those funds will be addressed within the Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. Due to previously approved Information Technology Funding (ITF) – there is no Net County Cost impact.

NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

Consistent with this Board Motion, we are informing your Board of our intention to submit the above-mentioned request to the Internal Services Department, the County Procurement Agency. If no response or objection is received from your Board within five (5) business days, we will proceed with submission and subsequent execution of the purchase order.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (562) 462-2716 or email me at dlogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov. Your staff may also contact Ivan Masayon, Assistant Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, at (562) 246-1879 or email IMasayon@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

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