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Department of Elections
Proposed Budget
FY 2019 – 2020 and FY 2020 – 2021

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Mission and Strategic Goals



- The Department's mission is to conduct all local, state, and federal elections in a free, fair, and functional manner.
- The Department's strategic goals are to provide access to voting and election-related services to all voters.
 - Continue increasing the number of election materials and services available in multiple languages to increase access for voters with limited English proficiency or who are monolingual in languages other than English.
 - Increase voting opportunities, such as initiating a second Voting Center at San Francisco State University for the November 2019 election, and a third Voting Center at the Joseph Lee Recreation Center for the March 2020 election.
 - Organize accessible polling places throughout the City for every election, and recruit and train bilingual poll
 workers who can serve all voters in each precinct.
 - Increase the number of online tools available to voters for services such as tracking the status of vote-by-mail ballots, viewing voter information pamphlets, obtaining polling place locations, and viewing election results in English, Chinese, Filipino, and Spanish.

New Programs and Initiatives



New initiatives reflected in the Department's budget.

Implementation of New Voting System

Implement new voting system for the November 2019 election.

Public Outreach on New Voting System

Implementing a comprehensive voter education program and partnering with organizations serving language minorities, disability rights advocacy groups, community organizations, and City agencies on the new voting system and the new ballot format for RCV contests. The outreach program for FY 2019/2020 includes the administration of grants for collaborating with community organizations.

Establishment of New Voting Centers

Operating a second Voting Center at San Francisco State University starting with the November 2019 election, and a third Voting Center at the Joseph Lee Recreation Center starting in March 2020.

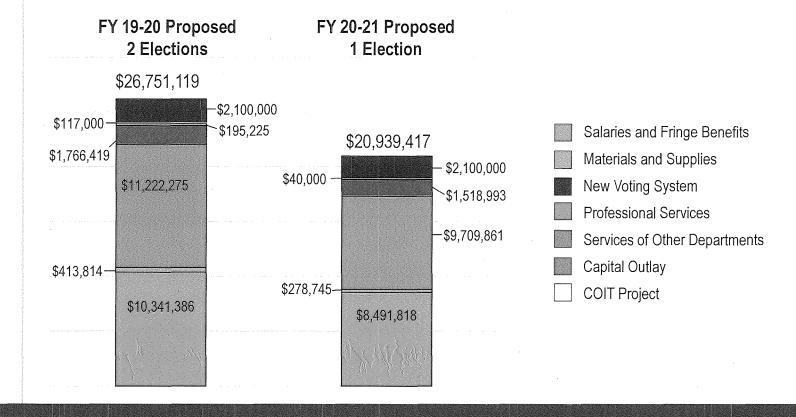
Relocation of Warehouse to New Facility

Re-locate the Department's warehouse operations from Pier 48 to the new location on Pier 31 which will also provide greater physical security for voting equipment.

Overview of Expenditures



The Department's expenditures are consistently reflective of the number of elections in a fiscal year, the scope of the elections, and the amount of content placed on the ballots and in the voter information pamphlets, and voter turnout.



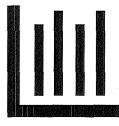
Personnel



The number and type of elections in a fiscal year reflects the number of personnel the Department employs.

- Current FY 2018-19 staffing includes 48.5 FTE.
- Additional 26.5 FTE proposed for FY 2019-20.

Performance Measures



The Department monitors multiple measures to track its performance in providing services to San Francisco voters, including:

- Total number of outreach and educational presentations conducted: 300
- Percentage of physically accessible polling places on Election Day: 100%
- Time in processing registration and by vote-by-mail applications: One day
- Time in reviewing and posting status of received vote-by-mail ballots: One day