

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-099

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SHASTA
TO ESTABLISH A CITIZENS ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the need for free and fair elections is essential for democracy as it gives citizens the right to elect their government. Free and fair elections are extremely important because they are directly related to the desires and hopes of the people to select the representatives, they wish to manage their affairs at the federal, state, and local level; and

WHEREAS, public trust in elections has been the focus of increased national and local attention; and

WHEREAS, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors desires to enhance the public trust in elections held within Shasta County and ensure that all elections are fair and fully transparent, while protecting election integrity and improving security; and

WHEREAS, Government Code 25201 provides the County Board with the following applicable authority: "Subject to the provisions of the Election Code, the board may establish, abolish, and change election precincts, appoint inspectors, clerks, and judges of election, canvass all election returns, declare the result, and order the county election official to issue certificates of election."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta County Board of Supervisors hereby takes the following action: a committee shall be formed to be known as the Citizens Election Advisory Committee, further referenced in this resolution as the "Committee." Each County supervisor shall notify the Clerk of the Board of their appointee within 5 days of passage of this resolution. The Clerk of the Board shall place appointments on the next available Board of Supervisors agenda for official appointment. Failure to appoint a committee member shall not prevent a future appointment by a County Supervisor or prevent the duties of said committee. Appointees must be of good character and a registered voter of Shasta County at the time of appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee's duration shall be for a four-year term from the date of passage of this resolution. All rights and authority of the Committee and its members shall end at the conclusion of this time. The term of each member of the Committee shall be concurrent with the term of the member of the board of supervisors who appoints them. Each member serves at the pleasure of the board of supervisors and may be removed from office by the board at any time. A vacancy by other than expiration of the term shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments are made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall have the following powers:

- 1) Review public records to ensure compliance with state and federal election laws by election authorities located within Shasta County.
- 2) Review complaints filed with election authorities located within Shasta County

that are subject to public records request.

3) Review and inspect all election assets that are subject to public review and inspection.

4) Regularly prepare reports to the Board of Supervisors on Committee activities and provide commentary on Shasta County elections and election processes.

5) No activity of this Committee shall be authorized that impairs or hinders an election authority in the performance of their statutory duties or other authority as granted by the Federal Government or by court order. This Committee is an advisory oversight committee of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no compensation shall be paid to members of the Committee for their service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, due to the nature of said Committee, the Committee shall be subject to The Brown Act.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta by the following vote:

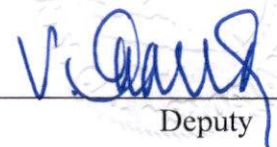
- AYES: Supervisors Kelstrom, Crye, and Jones
- NOES: Supervisor Rickert
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: Supervisor Garman
- RECUSE: None



PATRICK JONES, CHAIR
Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta
State of California

ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

Deputy