

# ATTACHMENT

For Item

#29

Tuesday,  
May 23, 2023

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**From:** [Armando Telles](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Written statement submission IN FAVOR of item 29, 5/23/2023  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 23, 2023 6:01:41 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to SDBOS.docx](#)

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Hello,

Please accept the submission of my written statement IN FAVOR of Item 29 for the San Diego Board of Supervisors meeting today, 5/23/2023.

Thank you.

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My name is Armando Telles and my family lives in District 5, which includes unincorporated North County San Diego.

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An equitable election is crucial for preserving the core principles of democracy.

Voter education, strategic voter engagement and access to voting should be a priority for the Board of Supervisors – especially in special elections where voter turnout is low.

The Board of Supervisors has an obligation to provide voting access to District 4 voters for the special election, including strategically placed voting centers and ballot drop-off boxes to encourage voter turnout.

Democracy is at risk when voters do not participate.

This issue matters to me because voters, nationally, are deliberately alienated and excluded from our democratic processes of voting, to include being informed and properly notified of an upcoming 'special' election that will result in electing the next representative for the Fourth Supervisorial District. Voters warrant and deserve proper notice as well as have the San Diego Board of Supervisors be vested in moving forward with strategic solutions to ensure all voters have a chance to vote, in-person and by mail. While residents may have the benefit of receiving the varying communications about the August Special Election, please also consider San Diego's military families by including strategies which accommodate service members who may be voting from afar. As San Diego County is considered 'home' for many veterans and military families, every voter warrants the opportunity to cast an informed vote.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Signed,

Armando Telles,

5/23/2023

USMC Veteran

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Schedule To Meet:

<https://koalendar.com/e/meet-with-info-koa7Puqc>

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