

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 10**

**SUBJECT: ENSURING SAFE AND SECURE ELECTIONS THROUGH SUPPORTING THE  
USE OF VOTER ID IN CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In the United States, identification (ID) is required for many essential activities in daily life, such as driving, traveling, purchasing alcohol, getting a job, opening a bank account, renting or buying a home, receiving government benefits, among others. Yet, despite the need for ID in so many aspects, one aspect where it's not required is voting. While an ID is needed to register to vote, you do not need an ID to cast a ballot. This is a vulnerability in our election system. This leaves elections vulnerable to impersonation and fraud. For so many important aspects of life, people must prove their identity-but not when it comes to casting a ballot.

81% of Americans support a requirement to show government-issued photo ID to vote according to Pew Research. Dozens of countries, including most of Europe, require ID to vote. 38 states in America have some variation of voter ID laws. Yet, California does not. Senate Bill 1174 was a mistake, and California should take steps to rectify it. San Diego County should advocate to overturn SB 1174 and adopt voter ID practices.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program support of legislation that will require voters to show identification before voting in elections.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; A motion was made by Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, for the Board of Supervisors to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program support of legislation that will require voters to show identification before voting in elections and support any efforts to increase access to obtain identification to vote.

AYES: Anderson, Desmond

NOES: Montgomery Steppe

ABSTAIN: Lawson-Remer

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

*(Motion failed due to lack of required affirmative votes.)*

State of California)  
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter