

RESOLUTION NO. 3944

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA SUPPORTING THE VOTER'S CHOICE ACT

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors voted to transition to the Voter's Choice Act ("VCA") election model in March 2020, rather than continuing with the current model; and

WHEREAS, the VCA model increases voter's opportunity to receive service by increasing the days and opportunities for voters to vote, and reduces the total number of staff that must be recruited and trained for elections, resulting in well-trained, experienced staff; and

WHEREAS, the County held five community outreach meetings regarding the transition and the majority of attendees favored the VCA model over the current precinct mode; and

WHEREAS, the VCA required participating counties to file and follow an education and outreach plan to prepare their citizenry for the voting method change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coalinga supports the County's change to the VCA model and wishes to participate in the citizen outreach.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coalinga as follows:

1. The City of Coalinga supports Fresno County's transition to the VCA election model in March 2020.
2. The City Council hereby requests to participate in education and outreach meetings required by the VCA.
3. The City Council hereby requests the County Clerk provide notice to the City Council regarding the date, time, and location of all future community meetings regarding the transition and any public hearings held in compliance with the VCA.
4. As allowed within federal and state grant requirements, City staff will work with the County Clerk to provide free or reduced-price rides using City buses on days ballots are being accepted during the voting period. City staff will also work with the County Clerk to ensure that voting centers are placed along or near City bus routes.

The foregoing resolution was duly approved by the City Council of the City of Coalinga at a regular meeting held on this **6th day of February, 2020**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Ron Lander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk