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**Election Information - Fontana Unified School District Recall**

On April 3, 2013, board members of the Fontana Unified School District passed a resolution calling for a recall election on July 16, 2013. The San Bernardino County Elections Office will be conducting the election on behalf of the school district.

The election was called after proponents of two petitions to recall board members Sophia Green and Leticia Garcia submitted a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for the recall.

Once it was established on March 14 that a sufficient number of valid signatures to conduct an election were submitted by the proponents asking for the recall, the Elections Office, using new data driven procedures to increase the accuracy of cost estimates, produced a preliminary estimate of \$142,000 to conduct the election.

On April 2, the Elections Office reduced its cost estimate to \$102,000 after analyzing voter turnout data which showed approximately 2 percent of Fontana Unified School District's voters voted at 16 polling places in the recent State Senate District 32 election. The reduction in the estimate was due to decreases in labor, the number of ballots printed, and reducing the number of polling places to 12. In the 2012 Presidential Election, where the polling place turnout was approximately 58 percent, there were 30 polling places within the boundaries of FUSD.

Now that the District has officially sanctioned the election, the Elections Office will begin to make a plan in consultation with the district. Plans for the election will include the number of polling places used, the number of ballot drop-off locations, and the number of ballots printed. If more polling places are necessary it will come at a cost of approximately \$1,800 per polling place.

Important dates for the FUSD Recall Election:

- **June 17, 2013** – Early voting begins at the Elections Office, 777 E. Rialto Ave., San Bernardino, CA from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **July 1, 2013** – Deadline to register to vote. Voter registration applications must be postmarked by this date for citizens to be eligible to vote in the FUSD Recall Election.
- **July 9, 2013** – Deadline to request a mail ballot. Voted mail ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day in order to be accepted. A ballot postmarked on Election Day, but not received in the Elections Office, will not be counted. Voted mail ballots may be dropped off at any polling place. For a list of drop-off locations, visit [www.sbcountyelections.com](http://www.sbcountyelections.com) or call (909) 387-8300.

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