



# City of Huntington Beach

**File #:** 20-1806

**MEETING DATE:** 8/3/2020

## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Robin Estanislau, CMC, City Clerk

**PREPARED BY:** Robin Estanislau, CMC, City Clerk

**Subject:**

**Approve and authorize execution of a License Agreement with the County of Orange to install, operate, and maintain an official and secure Ballot Drop Box at Harbour View Park, 16600 Saybrook Lane in Huntington Beach**

**Statement of Issue:**

California Senate Bill 450, or the California Voter's Choice Act, was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2016. It authorizes counties to conduct all-mailed ballot elections if the jurisdiction can meet certain criteria. The Orange County Registrar of Voters (ROV) transitioned to this new model of voting beginning with the Presidential Primary Election in March of 2020, and is seeking approval for placement of an official Ballot Drop Box at Harbour View Park in Huntington Beach.

**Financial Impact:**

Not applicable.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the "License Agreement" with the County of Orange for installation, operation, and maintenance of a Ballot Drop Box, as identified in Exhibits A and B (License Area description and location), at Harbour View Park located at 16600 Saybrook Lane in Huntington Beach.

**Alternative Action(s):**

Deny the request.

**Analysis:**

The California Voter's Choice Act passed in 2016 allows counties to conduct all-mailed ballot elections to provide greater flexibility and convenience for voters - elections will no longer be a one-day event. In February 2019, the County Board of Supervisors voted to enact the Voter's Choice Act. Beginning with the Presidential Primary Election held in March 2020, all voters in Orange County received a vote-by-mail ballot and had the option to: 1) return their ballot by mail (postage-free)

through the United States Postal Service; 2) drop their ballot in an official and secure Ballot Drop Box; or, 3) deliver their ballot to any established Vote Center within the County.

In November 2019, City Council approved License Agreements with the County of Orange to install Ballot Drop Boxes the Huntington Civic Center located at 2000 Main Street, and the Main Street Branch Library located at 525 Main Street. After conducting a site assessment and full review of Harbour View Park, the Orange County Registrar of Voters (ROV) has brought forward a request to enter into a License Agreement with the City to install a Ballot Drop Box at that location (Attachment 1). If approved by the City, the ROV plans to complete installation of the Ballot Drop Box by August 31, 2020.

**Environmental Status:**

Not applicable.

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

Non-Applicable - Administrative Item

**Attachment(s):**

1. Ballot Drop Box License Agreement - Harbour View Park