

Good morning:

A recent article in the New York Times points out that the more mail-in ballots are used in an election, the smoother the election will go. See attached.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/12/opinion/coronavirus-election-vote-mail.html?referringSource=articleShare>

In some states workers did not show up, as reported in Time Magazine.

“ Three states — Florida, Arizona and Illinois — held their presidential primaries on Tuesday amid the [coronavirus pandemic](#); in all three, poll workers did not show up to some locations, making it difficult for many to vote.”

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=4&ved=2ahUKEwi44K3_aboAhUFsJ4KHaksBSMQFjADegQIAxAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Ftime.com%2F5805133%2Fflorida-illinois-arizona-primary-cornavirus-workers%2F&usg=AOvVaw2iF0hEduOuOIXJGanKa-MC

Can the county, on its own, mandate a mail-in election for November? If the county can't do this, I foresee situations where there won't be enough poll workers for the obvious reason that poll workers would be putting themselves in the position of possibly contracting the corona virus. It's not fair to ask them (including me) to do that.

I have worked in all the elections for 22 years (since moving to Mendocino County), but I don't want to be a poll worker if it means exposing myself to the corona virus.

The Can you make this an agenda item?

Thank you from a faithful poll worker,

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