



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 19-0045, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Executive Office

**Meeting Date:** January 9, 2019

**Department Contact:** Carmel J. Angelo

**Phone:** 463-4441

**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 15 Mins

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adopting a Numerically Sequential Order of Rotation for the Annual Election of Board of Supervisors Chair and Vice Chair  
(Sponsor: Executive Office)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Discuss and Approve CEO recommendation to adopt a numerically sequential order of rotation for the annual election of the Board of Supervisors Chair and Vice-Chair.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

The Board of Supervisors annually approves Rules of Order and Procedure. Under "Election of Officers" the rules state: "The Board observes a tradition of rotation for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair, but a member shall not be elected to serve as Chair unless he or she has been a member of the Board for the preceding year."

**Summary of Request:**

The Board of Supervisors' tradition of rotating the position of Chair and Vice-Chair began in the 1970's. Prior to that time, an individual could be elected to serve as Chair two or more years in succession.

The current "order" of rotation is District 3, District 1, District 4, District 2 and District 5. By rule, because the District 3 Supervisor has not served on the Board during the previous year, the District 1 Supervisor will be Chair in 2019. Although the Board observes a tradition of rotation, the current order is not based on a logical numerical sequence, but on the order in which the then existing Board members first took turns in the 1970's. This tradition has made it difficult for staff, Board members and the public to track the current non-sequential order of rotation.

The CEO recommends retaining the tradition of rotation, but adopting a numerically sequential order so that staff, Board members and the public can easily determine who will be Chair and Vice-Chair in any given year. The current non-sequential order of rotation creates the opportunity for misunderstandings, and coupled with staff turnover, has resulted in an inefficient use of staff time to verify the order of rotation.

The requirement that a Board member must have served for the preceding year has already resulted in one minor adjustment to the order of rotation. By making an additional change, the Board can adopt a numerically sequential order of rotation, as recommended by the CEO. The following chart shows the order of rotation with

or without the additional change:

Current:	Recommended:
2019 - District 1	District 1
2020 - District 3	District 2
2021 - District 4	District 3
2022 - District 2	District 4
2023 - District 5	District 5

The CEO respectfully requests Board of Supervisors approval for the recommended change which will result in greater transparency to the public and increased efficiency for staff.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Do not approve the CEO recommendation and provide direction as deemed appropriate.

**Supplemental Information Available Online at:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Source of Funding:** N/A

**Current F/Y Cost:** N/A

**Budgeted in Current F/Y:** N/A

**Annual Recurring Cost:** N/A

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** N/A

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**CEO Liaison:** Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**



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Executed By: Meribeth Dermond, Deputy Clerk II

Final Status: Approved

Date: **JANUARY 10, 2019**

**Note: John Haschak was elected to serve as Vice Chair**