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Mercy Cabral, Deputy City Clerk
City of Martinez

Under the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA), and state law, every polling site is required to provide at least one accessible voting unit, which will allow voters with visual/physical impairments to vote confidentially and unassisted. In addition, HAVA requires that voters who vote for more candidates than there are positions to be elected be notified and given a chance to correct that vote. To accommodate both requirements, Contra Costa County changed voting systems in 2005.

The new voting system equipment was purchased with state and federal funds and no capital charges will be included in election billings, however, other associated costs have impacted the cost of having an election. The costs for supplies, training polling place workers and equipment delivery have all increased, as has staff labor needed to prepare and test the equipment prior to each election. Because of the number of variables involved in preparing for and conducting an election, it is not possible to predetermine the final actual cost.

Estimate for **City of Martinez**
Registered voters 6-10-10: 21,666

Municipal Election

Consolidated with 11-2-10 General: \$2.00 per registered voter

When you receive an estimate from the Elections Office you are cautioned the estimate is just an approximation arrived at by comparing costs for prior elections in other jurisdictions and not by attempting to project any actual costs for the upcoming election. Actual costs will vary from one election to another election and between jurisdictions during a consolidated election. The actual cost may be significantly more or less than this estimate, and will depend on supply and paper costs, fuel costs, labor costs and the number of jurisdictions consolidating with the election. The elections official will bill the jurisdiction for the actual costs of the election conducted or a pro rata share of the actual costs if the election is consolidated.

Sincerely,
Candy Lopez, Assistant County Registrar