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SACRAMENTO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ELECTION UPDATE

Ballots to be Manually Tallied in Select Precincts

Public and media invited to observe

Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine announced today that on Monday, November 1, the Elections Office will select the precincts to be included in the 1% manual tally of all ballots cast in seven of the County's 657 precincts for the November General Election.

This manual tally is conducted to ensure the accuracy of the automated count before certifying election results. Seven precincts, randomly selected, represent 1% of the County's polling places. In addition to the 1% manual tally, one additional precinct will be tallied for any contest not included in the initial group. The canvass will begin the day after the election on November 3, 2010.

LaVine notes this is not a new process; it is required by California law and done routinely following each election. "This is one of our checks and balances procedures we do to ensure accuracy of our vote tabulation equipment," says LaVine.

Added to this 1% manual tally will be the manual tally of ballots from any precinct that experiences problems with its precinct scanner on Election Day. A list of these affected precincts, if any, will be available November 3, 2010.

Contact Brad Buyse at 875-6365 if interested in viewing the tally process.

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

Deadline for returning Vote by Mail ballots is Tuesday, November 2. Vote by Mail ballots for the November 2 General Election must be received by the Elections Office at 8 p.m. on this date in order to be counted. A postmark is not accepted. If you are running short on time, you may drop off your voted Vote by Mail ballot at any polling place on Election Day or at the Elections Office, 7000 65th Street, Sacramento.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 7am – 8pm. Polls for the November 2 General Election open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

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Official Canvass of the Vote begins Wednesday, November 3. Official Canvass of the Vote for the General Election begins and continues for the 28 days following the election. The Canvass includes processing ballots that weren't counted on Election Night, including Vote by Mail ballots received the day before or on Election Day, and provisional ballots. Ballot numbers and signatures on voter rosters are reconciled with the number of votes cast, and precinct supplies are inspected. A one percent manual tally of votes is also conducted to ensure the accuracy of the vote before certifying election results. The Canvass must begin no later than November 3, and must be completed no later than November 30, 2010.

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