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Statewide Presidential Primary Election Update

Vote by Mail and Provisional Ballot Processing Begins

Canvass must be completed by July 3

With the Statewide Presidential Primary Election over, the Sacramento County Elections Office has shifted their focus to processing vote by mail and provisional ballots. These include ballots received in the mail through Election Day and those returned at the polls and were not included in the election night results. Provisional ballots are cast by voters whose names do not appear on the precinct roster.

“Processing vote by mail and provisional ballots is time consuming and done according to election law,” says Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine. “We have to verify signatures on every envelope to certify voter eligibility.”

LaVine notes that the number of permanent vote by mail voters who opted to drop off their ballot at a polling site may be higher than in past elections. In Sacramento County, 54 percent of registered voters requested to vote by mail for Tuesday’s election.

Ballot processing and counting will continue until the canvass is complete. By law, counties have 28 days following an election to process all of the remaining ballots. Official final election results will be released when LaVine certifies the election.

Follow election results and get other updates online at www.elections.sacounty.net.

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