



MEDIA HANDBOOK

DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

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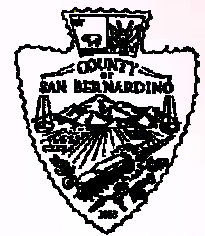


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I. WHAT'S NEW

A. Touchscreen Voting:

- In 2004, to comply with State and Federal mandates, San Bernardino County switched from a punch card voting system to a new electronic, touchscreen voting system. The County implemented its Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Voting System, the AVC Edge® manufactured by Sequoia Voting Systems, in all 408 of its precincts for the first time on March 2, 2004. Our first DRE election was successfully conducted using this voting technology on January 13, 2004 in the City of Highland.
- The VeriVote printer, attached to the AVC Edge voting unit, allows voters to vote using touch screen technology with the added convenience of reviewing a paper record of their selections before they leave the polls. Voters can verify their choices and change their vote anytime before actually casting their ballot and have the ability to confirm their final selections both electronically and on paper.
- Each voting unit is stand-alone (not linked to each other or the internet) and has redundant storage of all votes cast on both a results cartridge and the voting machine itself.
- The machines have the capability of printing all ballot images for the 1% manual tally required by State law as part of the canvass and certification of the election, or for a manual recount, if one is requested by a candidate or other interested parties. Recounts may be conducted by printing out votes cast and manually comparing those with the machine count on election night. In addition, each voter is given multiple opportunities to review, verify and if necessary change his/her votes before casting their ballot.
- There is a comprehensive process of administrative testing, policies and procedures as well as an extraordinary number of safeguards in place to protect the voting process. Thousands of volunteers, along with our permanent election staff, work diligently to ensure the integrity of each of our elections. All processes for each and every election receive extensive public scrutiny by candidates, campaigns, the media and others directly involved. We also extend an open invitation to anyone who is interested to visit our office during our testing and counting procedures, so that they can see it for themselves.
- DRE voting systems have been used throughout the country for the past 16 years. There are numerous safeguards in place and there is no recorded history of fraud or manipulation with respect to the use of DRE voting systems. Touchscreen voting is accurate, secure and offers greater benefits for our multiple language voters, as well the capability of using an audio ballot feature for voters with special needs.

B. Early Voting:

One of the items included in the Registrar of Voters Business Plan was offering early voting in each Supervisorial District. The California Elections Code, Sec. 3018, allows for early voting

to begin 29 days before any election. About half the states offer some sort of early voting. Early voting provides the voters of San Bernardino County additional opportunities to exercise their right to vote at a more convenient and less crowded time and place and will hopefully increase voter participation. The Board of Supervisors supports early voting for the voters in San Bernardino County and encourages them to take advantage of this option.

Early voting is different from absentee voting in that voters may visit an election official's office or other remote voting locations, and cast a vote in person. Early voting generally is conducted on the same type of voting equipment used in the regular election, as opposed to absentee voting, which is conducted on mail-in paper ballots.

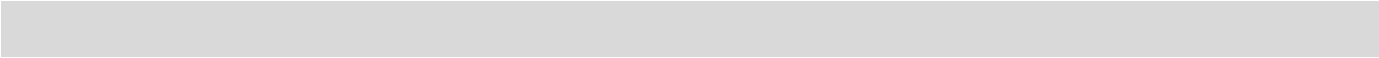
Satellite voting locations vary and may include other county and state offices (besides the election official's office), shopping malls, schools, libraries, and other locations. The remote sites that we plan on using for early voting in the June 6, 2006, Direct Primary are:

EARLY VOTING	LOCATIONS	DATES/TIMES
Registrar of Voters	777 E. Rialto Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415	May 8 – June 5 Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Cal State University, San Bernardino	San Manuel Student Union 5500 University Parkway San Bernardino, CA 92407	May 22 – May 25 Monday and Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Upland City Hall	Council Chambers 460 North Euclid Avenue Upland, CA 91786	May 22 – May 25 Monday through Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Hesperia City Hall	Council Chambers 15776 Main Street Hesperia, CA 92345	May 22 – May 25 Monday through Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

C. Working with the Media

- Media releases are available on the web site so that information can be more easily distributed within your organizations. We also send them to everyone on our media distribution list. If you are not currently on our list and would like to be added, please contact Kathy Jackson at (909) 387-2083.
- Our web site has proven over the last several years to be the best, quickest, and most reliable source of election results. As a consequence, our primary resources will be dedicated to supporting this service. Election results will be posted on the ROV Web site at

(<http://www/sbcrov.com>). Additionally, there are two monitors available for the public on the office front counter displaying results from the Internet.

- Contact Bobbi Albano, at (909) 387-2046 as early as possible if you need to make any special arrangements for obtaining election night results – both on site and off. Reservations are available for the media room at the ROV on election night.
 - As in past years, it will be possible to retrieve election results as files on election night. Please note that with the implementation of the new voting systems this file format has changed considerably, so it is important that this be tested prior to election night. Any questions on this service should be directed to Stan Sufficool at (909) 387-2102.
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II. WHO CAN I CALL?

News Releases	News releases are sent to members of the media and to City Clerk's offices from a mailing list we have compiled. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, contact Kathy Jackson at (909) 387-2083. News releases are also posted to our web site at www.sbcrov.com .
Web Site	<p>Internet users can access the Registrar of Voters' home page at www.sbcrov.com. Select the Current Election tab, then the June 6, 2006, Direct Primary Election link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive polling place locator – voters can simply point and click on the interactive locator and enter their residence address. The locator provides the name and address of their polling place, a map, and a link to their sample ballot pamphlet. • Election results – results will be posted on election night starting shortly after 8 p.m. The first results are from absentee ballots only. Ballots from polls will begin arriving for counting at about 9:30 p.m. Results thereafter will be updated every twenty to thirty minutes. Don't forget to click on "refresh" periodically to update your numbers. • Links to other sites – we provide a link to the Secretary of State's web site for statewide totals on our web site. From that site you can also link to many other elections offices throughout the state.
Media Planning	Arrangements may be made to obtain results by fax or on site by calling Bobbi Albano at (909) 387-2046.
Media Interviews	Interviews can be scheduled with Kari Verjil, Registrar of Voters by calling Kathy Jackson at (909) 387-2083.
Election Mailings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County of San Bernardino Sample Ballot Pamphlet – is mailed to all registered voters. It contains: voting page facsimiles; text, arguments, and rebuttals of local measures; candidates' statements for local nonpartisan races; voting instructions; location and accessibility of polling location; and an application for an absentee/mail ballot. It is printed in English and Spanish in accordance with Federal and State mandates. • State of California Voter Information Guide – mailed by Secretary of State to registered voters (one to a household), and contains information on state measures only. Available in English, Spanish and several other languages. Also available on the internet at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections.htm
TDD	Telecommunication device for the deaf is available at: (909) 387-2788.
Bilingual	There are Spanish-speaking operators to assist voters at the Registrar of Voters office and at many of our polling places throughout the County.

III. IMPORTANT DATES/STATISTICS

A. Key June 6, 2006 Dates

Candidate Filing	02/13 - 03/10
Extension if Incumbent did not file	03/11 - 03/15
Begin Mailing Sample Ballots	04/27
First Day Absentee Ballots Available	05/08
Early Voting	05/08
Last Day to register to vote	05/22
Last Day to request an Absentee Ballot	05/30
ELECTION DAY	06/06
Official Canvass Period	06/08 - 07/04

B. Key Election Statistics on Ballot Content:

Number of Cities (Barstow, Loma Linda)	2
Number of Elective Positions to be Voted on	47
Number of State Propositions	2
Number of Local Measures	9
Number of Ballot Types	88
Number of Qualified Political Parties	7

C. Registering To Vote

- The last day to register to vote in the June Direct Primary Election is May 22, 2006.
- **New citizens** (naturalized after the close of registration) may register and vote a complete ballot at the ROV until May 30, 2006.

IV. SERVICES TO CANDIDATES/CAMPAIGNS

- All Candidates receive a Candidate Handbook with information on what is necessary to run for office, election deadlines, and the rules/regulations that apply. Candidates are invited to attend Campaign Service Seminars, which are held at various locations throughout the County to discuss all the important information relevant to running a campaign and let them know what services are available from the Registrar of Voters.

V. VOTING MATERIAL

A. Sample Ballot Pamphlets

- The Sample Ballot Pamphlet contain facsimiles of the voting pages, text/arguments/rebuttals of local measures, candidate statements for local nonpartisan races, voting instructions, locations and accessibility of polling location, and applications for absentee ballot. This information is available in English and Spanish.

B.

State Voter Information Guides

- The State Voter Information Guide contains information on State measures and were printed and mailed by the Secretary of State (one to a household) to all voters registered to vote by the close of registration. There are two state propositions included in the State Voter Information Guide for this election. They are available in English and Spanish in San Bernardino County and in several other languages through the Secretary of State. State measure information is available on audiotapes at the ROV office, Lighthouse for the Blind, and California Council for the Blind. The Secretary of State also sends them to libraries.

C. State Propositions

- State Propositions are consecutively numbered from year to year. There are two state propositions to be voted.

YES NO	REQUIRED TO PASS: Majority	<p>Proposition 81 CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2006.</p> <p>This act provides for a bond issue in an amount not to exceed a total of six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) to provide funds for the construction and renovation of public library facilities in order to expand access to reading and literacy programs in California's public education system and to expand access to public library services for all residents of California. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$1.2 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$600 million) and interest (\$570 million) costs of the bonds. One-time local costs (statewide) of about \$320 million for local matching contributions.</p>
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YES NO	REQUIRED TO PASS: Majority	<p>Proposition 82 PRESCHOOL EDUCATION. TAX ON INCOMES OVER \$400,000 FOR INDIVIDUALS; \$800,000 FOR COUPLES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.</p> <p>Establishes voluntary preschool education for all four-year olds. Funded by 1.7% tax on individual income over \$400,000; couples' income over \$800,000. Fiscal Impact: Increased annual revenues of \$2.1 billion in 2007-08, growing with the economy in future years. All revenues would be spent on the new preschool program.</p>
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D. Local Measures

- Local measures are given letters in alphabetical order, beginning with the next letter after the last measure in a previous election, in accordance with County policy.
- Following are all of the local ballot measures for San Bernardino County. Each Measure appears ONLY on the ballots in the district, city, or agency affected.

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
55%

MEASURE "A"
SIERRA SANDS SCHOOL
SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS

To improve the quality of education, shall Sierra Sands Unified School District be authorized to construct new classrooms, upgrade, renovate, and modernize classrooms and facilities including upgrading plumbing systems, renovating restrooms, making health and safety improvements, repairing and replacing roofs, improving student access to computers and technology, and qualifying the District for over \$13,000,000 in State grants by issuing \$50,500,000 in bonds within legal interest rates, with a citizens' oversight committee, annual audits and NO money for administrator salaries?

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
Majority

MEASURE "B"
BEAUMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BANNING CITY LIMIT

Shall that area of the Beaumont Unified School District (described below) be transferred to the Banning Unified School District (that territory being the Sun Lakes area of the City of Banning, generally located South of the Interstate 10 Freeway, East of Highland Springs Avenue, West of South Highland Home Road, and North of the Southern Banning City Limits).

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
55%

MEASURE "C"
FONTANA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL SAFETY AND REPAIR

To improve health, safety, class instruction by:

- Reducing overcrowding;
- Improving traffic flow, drop-off areas, handicapped student accessibility;
- Purchasing computers, land for new schools;
- Building/equipping energy efficient libraries, labs, facilities, elementary, middle, high schools;
- Repairing outdated plumbing, bathrooms;

shall Fontana Unified School District issue \$275 million of bonds at legal rates with guaranteed financial audits, citizen oversight, and no money for administrators' salaries?

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
Majority

MEASURE "D"
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO
CHARTER AMENDMENT

Approve a Charter Amendment to set the annual salary of Council members on January 1 2007 at 12 ½% of the salary for a Superior Court Judge, County of San Bernardino, State of California, which was in effect on February 1, 2006, thereafter adjusted and implemented January 1 of each subsequent year to 12 ½% of the salary for said Superior Court Judge then in effect on that January 1 date. The annual salary would be received in twelve (12) equal monthly payments.

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
2/3

MEASURE "G"
CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE
RESIDENTIAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

Solely to repair/maintain residential roads; fix potholes to improve neighborhood traffic conditions and road safety; and to improve the drainage system to prevent flooding and damage, shall the sales tax be increased by one-half cent automatically expiring in 10 years; with funds deposited into a restricted account guaranteeing future administrations cannot use the money for other purposes; requiring annual financial audits; overseen by an independent citizen's oversight committee; and no money for administrative overhead?

YES REQUIRED TO PASS:
NO Majority

MEASURE "H"
CITY OF BARSTOW
INDIAN GAMING

Shall an initiative ordinance entitled "Indian Gaming: Preference for Tribes in San Bernardino County" be adopted?

YES REQUIRED TO PASS:
NO 55%

MEASURE "I"
SNOWLINE JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROVIDE ADEQUATE SCHOOL FACILITIES

To relieve overcrowding, improve student learning and safety, and qualify for State matching funds, shall Snowline Joint Unified School District construct 2 new elementary schools, a new middle school, and the first phase of a new high school; upgrade security and technology; and repair/upgrade inadequate classrooms and school facilities, equipment and grounds; by issuing \$108,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, with independent citizen oversight, no money for administrative salaries, and all funds staying local to benefit Snowline schools?

YES REQUIRED TO PASS:
NO 55%

MEASURE "J"
NEEDLES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
IMPROVE SCHOOL FACILITIES

"To improve the quality of education, shall Needles Unified School District be authorized to upgrade, improve, construct, and modernize classrooms and school facilities including modernizing Vista Colorado Elementary School and Needles Middle School, providing students and community with a gymnasium at Needles Middle School, constructing a new elementary school, making health and safety improvements, and qualifying the District for \$7,400,000 in State grants by issuing \$7,500,000 in bonds within legal rates, with a citizens' oversight committee, annual audits, and NO money for administrators' salaries?"

YES REQUIRED TO PASS:
NO Majority

MEASURE "N"
TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
REAFFIRMING PRIOR MEASURE N

Shall Initiative Ordinance 06-01, Reaffirming and Clarifying the Intent of Prior Initiative Measure N to Preserve the Density of Single Family Development in the Town, and reaffirming the Town's ability to amend the General Plan, be adopted?

E. Candidates' Names on the Ballot

- The placement of names on the ballot is determined by a random alphabetical drawing which was held by the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Voters on March 16, 2006.

F. Partisan Offices To Appear On The Ballot

FEDERAL OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE	INCUMBENT/PARTY
United States Senator	Dianne Feinstein (D)
Representative in Congress	
25 th District	Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R)
26 th District	David Dreier (R)
41 st District	Jerry Lewis (R)
42 nd District	Gary Miller (R)
43 rd District	Joe Baca (D)

STATE OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE	INCUMBENT/PARTY
Governor	Arnold Schwarzenegger (R)
Lt. Governor	Cruz Bustamante (D)
Secretary of State	Bruce McPherson (R)
Controller	Steve Westly (D)
Treasurer	Phil Angelides (D)
Attorney General	Bill Lockyer (D)
Insurance Commissioner	John Garamendi (D)
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Jack O'Connell (NP)
Board of Equalization 2 nd District	Bill Leonard (R)
Board of Equalization 3 rd District	Claude Parrish (R)
STATE OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE	INCUMBENT/PARTY
State Senate	
18 th District	Roy Ashburn (R)
32 nd District	Nell Soto (D)
State Assembly	
32 nd District	Kevin McCarthy (R)
34 th District	Bill Maze (R)
36 th District	Sharon Runner (R)
59 th District	Dennis Mountjoy (R)
60 th District	Robert "Bob" Huff (R)
61 st District	Gloria Negrete McLeod (D)
62 nd District	Joe Baca, Jr. (D)
63 rd District	Bill Emmerson (R)
65 th District	Russ Bogh (R)
COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES	
OFFICE TITLE	OFFICE TITLE
Democratic Assembly Districts	
Republican Supervisorial Districts	
61 st District (6)	1 st District (8)
62 nd District (6)	4 th District (5)
63 rd District (6)	

G. Non-Partisan Offices To Appear On The Ballot

COUNTY OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE	INCUMBENT
2 nd District Board of Supervisors	Paul Biane
4 th District Board of Supervisors	Gary Ovitt
Assessor	Donald Williamson
Auditor/Controller-Recorder	Larry Walker
County Superintendent of Schools	Herb Fischer
District Attorney	Michael Ramos
Sheriff-Coroner	Gary Penrod
Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator	Dick Larsen
Superior Court Judge (Offices #4, 7 & 17)	
CITY OF BARSTOW	
OFFICE TITLE	
Councilmember (ST) 1	
CITY OF LOMA LINDA	
OFFICE TITLE	
Councilmember (FT) 2	Councilmember (ST) 1

VI. VOTING BY MAIL/ABSENTEE

A. Who can vote absentee?

- Any registered voter may vote an absentee ballot at the Registrar of Voters office beginning 29 days before the election and continuing until polls close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

B. Military and overseas voters

- Paper ballots are mailed to requestors beginning 60 days prior to the election.

C. Requested absentee ballots

- Voters may request by sending in a written letter or an application – either the ROV application on the back cover of the sample ballot pamphlet, one provided by a campaign, or one downloaded from the web site. All applications must be received no later than May 30th. Ballots are mailed beginning 29 days prior to the election.

D. Emergency absentee

- Voters may request a ballot in person (or through a designated representative) at the ROV office from May 31st through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. These ballots cannot be mailed to the voter and the voter cannot mail them back to the ROV.

They must be returned to the ROV office or any polls on Election Day.

E. Declared absentee (Mail ballot precincts – no polling place)

- These are precincts where no polling place was established because there were 250 or fewer voters. These precincts are sometimes referred to as NPP or “no polling place”. Ballots are automatically mailed to these voters approximately three weeks prior to the election.

F. Permanent absentee

- These are voters who applied for this status and are automatically mailed an absentee ballot approximately four weeks prior to the election. There are 154,300 permanent absentee voters in this election.

G. Return of absentee ballots

- ALL absentee ballots must be received at the ROV office or polling place no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted – postmarks do not extend this deadline. All signatures are verified before counting.

VII. POLLS AND POLL WORKERS

A. Establishing Polling Places/Polls Publication

- The ROV tries to maintain consistency by using the same polling place for each election whenever possible; however there are times when polling places unexpectedly change. When this occurs, voters are notified by mail and notices are posted when a polling place is changed.
- A full listing of polling places and poll workers will be published on or before Saturday, May 27th in The Sun.

B. Polling Place Supplies

- The Registrar of Voters purchased 4,000 AVC Edge® voting machines. A minimum of four voting machines will be delivered to each of the 406 polling places. We also send out one special booth for voters that will vote provisional ballots at the polls. All additional supplies are distributed on Depot Friday and brought back to the collection centers on election night by the poll workers.

C. Recruiting And Training Poll Workers

- The number of poll workers required for this election is approximately 2,600. Letters are sent to past poll inspectors and workers asking if they would be willing to serve again. In addition, we rely on media releases, outreach programs and newsletters. Inspectors are required to attend a training class, receive and return supplies and they earn \$135 per election. Other poll workers earn \$100 for Election Day plus \$15 for attending a training

class. We also actively recruit bilingual poll workers.

- Training is conducted by Registrar of Voters staff. A total of 40 classes will be conducted over a three-week period using 14 sites located throughout the county. Separate classes are conducted for clerks and inspectors, with weekend and evening classes in some areas.

D. Student Poll Worker Program

- The student poll worker program began in 1997 to address the shortage of poll workers and to provide voter outreach. It continues to serve the voters in San Bernardino County. These students perform the same duties as other workers and earn the same pay. They must be at least 16 years of age, seniors with a grade-point average of 2.6 or above, must be citizens and must have approval of the school district. Two students may be placed at any polls. This is a wonderful outreach to students to prepare them for becoming voters when they are 18 years of age and it is a true service to the community.

E. Exit Polls

- Media or polling agencies conduct exit polls as the voters “exit” the polling places, asking voters how they voted on certain contests. Pollsters must conduct their interviews at least 25 feet from the entrance of the polls.

F. Election Day/Night Assistance To Poll Workers

- ROV'er/Troubleshooters (96) - Specially trained workers that are dispatched countywide to respond to calls for assistance from poll workers and to conduct routine inspections of assigned polls.

VIII. ELECTION NIGHT BALLOT/SUPPLY RETRIEVAL

- **Post office pickup** - Absentee ballots received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the Redlands (main) post office will be picked up by ROV staff and processed during canvass.
- **Sheriff's aviation** will transport ballot boxes from Needles, Big River and Trona via fixed wing aircraft (weather permitting) flying into Rialto Airport where they are transferred to Sheriff's helicopter and flown to the ROV. In case of bad weather (snow), ballots from Big Bear will be driven to ROV by Sheriff's vehicle.

IX. HOW BALLOTS ARE COUNTED

- The Registrar of Voters office is designated as Election Central and is the counting site for the entire county – it is open to the public to observe all testing procedures, counting procedures and to receive election results.
- Before any ballots may be counted, the system is subject to Logic and Accuracy Testing, witnessed by an Official Observer Panel. These same computer tests are run after the count is finished. Official Observers are solicited from the County Grand Jury, the League

of Women Voters, media and the political parties, city clerks and civic organizations.

- Absentee ballots are counted at the ROV site only.
- There are (8) 400C Optech ballot reading machines and (10) results cartridge reader stations that will be connected to a WinEds election data system at the Registrar of Voters office, which is the central counting center. Bulletin updates occur as soon as the information is available.
- Electronic Ballot Cartridges are logged in, inspected, prepared for computer counting, counted and stored. Damaged absentee ballots that cannot be machine tabulated are set aside to be counted in the official canvass. Ballots with write-in votes are sealed in envelopes for manual processing and tabulation at the ROV office.
- All precincts must be processed and counted election night. If a precinct is missing or appears to be missing, a search is initiated. The semi-official count is expected to be complete between 1:00 and 1:30 a.m. on June 7. The number of absentee and provisional ballots received at the polls is marked on a special form by the coordinator at each site and this number is used to give an approximate number of outstanding ballots. When counting and final Logic and Accuracy tests are complete, all test materials, and ballots, are then secured for the official canvass.

X. OFFICIAL RESULTS AND CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION

A. Semi-official Results

- All results are available at www.sbcrov.com. The first Election Night Results (semi-official) should be available at approximately 8:30-8:45 pm. Results will also be available on computer screens located on the front counter of the Registrar of Voters office, given out by phone until (15) minutes after the last count, and hardcopy will be distributed by request approximately every 30 minutes. Results will be faxed to those media who have made prior arrangements. The last bulletin election night will contain the approximate number of outstanding provisional/absentee/write-in ballots still to be processed for counting. Election night results are cumulative only - not by precinct.

B. Additional Ballot Counting

There are three categories of ballot which cannot be processed on Election Night:

- Absentee ballots turned in at polls – some absentee voters wait until the last minute to make voting choices and then drop their ballots off at polling places on Election Day. We receive these ballots very late on election night. All of these ballots must be processed – this includes verifying voter's signatures, opening the envelopes and sorting the ballots into the appropriate precinct for tabulation.
- Provisional ballots – are voted at the polls when a voter's registration is in question or when our records indicate the voter was already sent an absentee ballot. The Help America Vote Act allows any voter to request a provisional ballot. These ballots are

sealed in special envelopes at the polls and later researched and verified at the ROV office.

- Write-in-ballots – are those where the voter has chosen to write-in a candidate's name on the write-in portion of the ballot. These must be set aside and researched after Election Day to determine whether or not the write-in vote is for a qualified/unqualified candidate and whether or not the voter over voted (i.e. voted for a candidate for an office listed on the ballot and also voted for a write-in candidate for that same office.) In this event, neither vote can be counted for that one office, although the rest of the ballot selections will be counted. When a write-in ballot is set aside on election night it means that none of the races/measures appearing on that ballot can be counted until the research is complete. Vote counts for write-in candidates do appear on election night bulletins. Unofficial write-in counts will be available when the final results are certified.

C. Official Results

- The last *semi-official report* election night will contain pages of statistics showing registration/turnout numbers and percentage. Turnout represents the ballots cast.
- The law allows 28 days after the election to complete the ballot tally and official audit of the election, known as the Canvass. When the canvass is complete and all records have been reviewed, official results will be prepared and the election results (count) will be certified. Certified results are then sent to: Secretary of State; Board of Supervisors; and consolidating jurisdictions in order that they may “declare “results (winners). The Board of Supervisors will declare the results of the election for races and measures under the Board's jurisdiction. Cities declare their own results.
- The statewide Statement of Vote will be made available by the Secretary of State approximately two to three months after the final certification of election results.
- **NOTE:** There is a difference between ballots cast and votes cast. A voter may undervote his/her ballot (i.e. skip any of the races/measures). Paper ballot voters may overvote (i.e. vote for the YES and NO on a measure) which voids the vote cast on that one measure alone.)

XI. ELECTION DEFINITIONS

- **Canvass** – State law requires an official canvass (audit of the election). This entails numerous manual processes that verify the accuracy of the computer count, including a hand tally of ballots cast in 1% of the precincts. When this audit is complete, election results are certified to the various jurisdictions, which then declare the winners. The law allows 28 days to complete the official canvass process.
- **NPP** - No polling place was assigned because there were fewer than 250 registered voters. These voters are "declared" absentees.

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- **Requested AV** - Voters who choose to vote by absentee/mail ballot instead of going to the polls.
 - **Provisional Ballot** - Voted at polls when a voter's registration is in question. These ballots are sealed in an envelope for later verification at Registrar's office.
 - **Write-in Ballot** - When a voter chooses to manually write-in a vote for a candidate(s) not printed on the ballot. The entire ballot is set aside to be counted after the validity of the write-in vote is determined. Write-in ballots must be counted manually. No write-in counts will be available until the final add on count
 - **Unofficial Results/Semi-official** - All election results issued prior to completion of the official canvass.
 - **Official Results** - Final election tabulation is issued after completion of the official canvass and the Registrar of Voters certifies results.