



MEDIA HANDBOOK
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ELECTION

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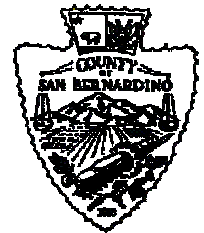


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I. WHAT'S NEW


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 stand-alone voting unit 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. Sample Ballot Pamphlet:

- The format of the Sample Ballot Pamphlet has been revised. The new pamphlet is 5 ½ x 8 ½ booklet size and has English in the first half and Spanish in the second half. The cover design will continue to have a red/white/blue patriotic theme, incorporating a graphic such as an eagle, for easy recognition.

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 four 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 November 8, 2005, Consolidated Special Statewide 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 or Donna Manning, Chief Deputy Registrar 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 November 8, 2005 Dates

Candidate Filing	07/18 - 08/12
Extension if Incumbent did not file	8/13 - 8/17
Begin Mailing Sample Ballots	09/29
First Day Absentee Ballots Available	10/11
Last Day to register to vote	10/24
Last Day to request an Absentee Ballot	11/01
ELECTION DAY	11/08
Official Canvass Period	11/10 - 11/28

B. Key Election Statistics on Ballot Content:

Number of Cities (San Bernardino and Redlands)	2
Number of Candidates on Ballot	250
Number of Elective Positions to be Voted on	149
Number of State Propositions	8
Number of Local Measures	5
Number of Ballot Types	63
Number of Qualified Political Parties	N/A

C. Registering To Vote

- The last day to register to vote in the November Special Statewide Election is October 24, 2005.
- **New citizens** (naturalized after the close of registration) may register and vote a complete ballot at the ROV until November 1, 2005.

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 eight 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 eight state propositions to be voted.

YES NO	REQUIRED TO PASS: Majority	Proposition 73 WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.
		Amends California Constitution, defining and prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent/guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Mandates reporting requirements. Authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, the courts, and state administration combined.

YES NO	REQUIRED TO PASS: Majority	Proposition 74 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS. WAITING PERIOD FOR PERMANENT STATUS. DISMISSAL. INITIATIVE STATUTE.
		Increases probationary period for public school teachers from two to five years. Modifies the process by which school boards can dismiss a teaching employee who receives two consecutive unsatisfactory performance evaluations. Fiscal Impact: Unknown net effect on school districts' costs for teacher compensation, performance evaluations, and other activities. Impact would vary significantly by district and depend largely on future district personnel actions.

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
Majority

Proposition 75
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNION DUES. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS. EMPLOYEE CONSENT REQUIREMENT. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Prohibits using public employee union dues for political contributions without individual employees' prior consent. Excludes contributions benefitting charities or employees. Requires unions to maintain and, upon request, report member political contributions to Fair Political Practices Commission. Fiscal Impact: Probably minor state and local government implementation costs, potentially offset in part by revenues from fines and/or fees

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
Majority

Proposition 76
STATE SPENDING AND SCHOOL FUNDING LIMITS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Limits state spending to prior year's level plus three previous years' average revenue growth. Changes minimum school funding requirements (Proposition 98). Permits Governor, under specified circumstances, to reduce budget appropriations of Governor's choosing. Fiscal Impact: State spending likely reduced relative to current law, due to additional spending limit and new powers granted to Governor. Reductions could apply to schools and shift costs to other local governments

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
Majority

Proposition 77
REDISTRICTING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends state Constitution's process for redistricting California's Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts. Requires three-member panel of retired judges selected by legislative leaders. Fiscal Impact: One-time state redistricting costs totaling no more than \$1.5 million and county costs in the range of \$1 million. Potential reduction in future costs, but net impact would depend on decisions by voters.

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
Majority

Proposition 78
DISCOUNTS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Establishes discount prescription drug program for certain low- and moderate-income Californians. Authorizes Department of Health Services to contract with participating pharmacies for discounts and with participating drug manufacturers for rebates. Fiscal Impact: State costs for administration and outreach in the millions to low tens of millions of dollars annually. State costs for advance funding for rebates. Unknown potentially significant savings for state and county health programs.

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
Majority

Proposition 79
PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNTS. STATE-NEGOTIATED REBATES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Provides drug discounts to Californians with qualifying incomes. Funded by state-negotiated drug manufacturer rebates. Prohibits Medi-Cal contracts with manufacturers not providing Medicaid best price. Fiscal Impact: State costs for administration and outreach in low tens of millions of dollars annually. State costs for advance funding for rebates. Unknown potentially significant: (1) net costs or savings for Medi-Cal and (2) savings for state and county health programs.

YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Proposition 80
NO	Majority	ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDERS. REGULATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE.
		Subjects electric service providers to regulation by California Public Utilities Commission. Restricts electricity customers' ability to switch from private utilities to other providers. Requires all retail electric sellers to increase renewable energy resource procurement by 2010. Fiscal Impact: Potential annual administrative costs ranging from negligible to \$4 million, paid by fees. Unknown net impact on state and local costs and revenues from uncertain impact on electricity rates.

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	REQUIRED TO PASS:	MEASURE "O"
NO	55%	MORONGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND
		To repair/renovate each school of the Morongo Unified School District, improve student safety and relieve overcrowding by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairing deteriorating/aging classrooms, restrooms, plumbing, electrical systems and other campus facilities; • Making safety improvements for fire/health emergencies and security upgrades; • Renovating classrooms, science and computer labs and technology centers; • Build and make improvements to school facilities; shall Morongo Unified School District issue \$48,150,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, with citizen's oversight, annual audits and <u>no</u> money for administrator salary?

YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	MEASURE "P"
NO	Majority	CITY OF REDLANDS MANAGED GROWTH
		Shall the initiative ordinance of the people of Redlands amending the principles of managed growth and the land use, circulation, open space and conservation, health and safety and noise elements of the Redlands General Plan, be adopted?

YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	MEASURE "Q"
NO	Majority	CITY OF REDLANDS MUNICIPAL CODE
		Shall the initiative ordinance of the people of Redlands amending the Redlands Municipal Code to adopt a new official City seal, be adopted?

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
Majority

MEASURE "R"
CITY OF REDLANDS
ZONE CHANGE

Shall Ordinance No. 2606, adopting Zone Change No. 390, a change of zone from A-1 (Agricultural) District (five-acre lots) to R-R (Rural Residential) District (one-acre lots) on four contiguous lots totaling 180.9 acres located south of Highview Drive and east of Freya Drive for the Covington Project, be approved?

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS:
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MEASURE "S"
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO
LIBRARY RELIEF ACT

Shall the ordinance entitled the "City of San Bernardino Library Relief Act," approving a special tax and adding Chapter 3.42 to the San Bernardino Municipal Code be approved by the voters to help fund the City's libraries?

E. Nonpartisan Offices To Appear On The Ballot

COUNTY OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE—COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS	
Barstow Community College District FT(2)	Palo Verde Community College Dist Trustee Area 2 (1)
Barstow Community College District ST (1)	San Bernardino Community College District FT (3)
Chaffey Community College District FT (2)	Victor Valley Community College District Ft (3)
Copper Mountain Community College District FT (2)	
COUNTY OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE—SCHOOL DISTRICTS	
Baker Valley Unified School District (3)	Colton Joint Unified School District Trustee Area 3 (1)
Barstow Unified School District (2)	Needles Unified School District Trustee Area 2 (3)
Bear Valley Unified School District (2)	Trona Joint Unified School District (3)
Colton Joint Unified School District Trustee Area 1 (1)	Upland Unified School District (3)
Colton Joint Unified School District Trustee Area 2 (2)	Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District (2)
Chaffey Joint Union High School District (3)	Cucamonga School District FT (3)
Adelanto School District FT (3)	Etiwanda School District FT (3)
Adelanto School District ST (1)	Mountain View School District FT (3)
Alta Loma School District	Mt. Baldy Joint School District FT (2)
Central School District FT (3)	Ontario-Montclair School District FT (3)
COUNTY OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE	
Yucca Valley Airport (3)	Crest Forest Fire Protection District (3)
Baker Community Services District (3)	Rim of the World Recreation & Park (3)
Barstow Heights Community Services District (2)	Crestline Village Water District (3)
Big Bear City Community Services District (3)	East Valley Water District (3)
Big River Community Services District (2)	Hi-Desert Water District (3)

Daggett Community Services District (2)	Joshua Basin Water District (2)
Lake Arrowhead Community Services District (3)	Running Springs Water District (3)
Morongo Valley Community Services District (3)	Twentynine Palms Water District (3)
Newberry Community Services District (3)	West Valley Water District (2)
Apple Valley Foothill County Water District (3)	Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (3)
Apple Valley Heights County Water District (3)	Crestline-lake Arrowhead Water Agency Div. 1 (1)
Arrowbear Park County Water District (2)	Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency Div. 2 (1)
Cucamonga Valley County Water District (2)	Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency Div. 4 (1)
Juniper-Riviera County Water District (2)	San Bernardino Valley Water Cons. District Div. 1 (1)
Mariana Ranchos County Water District (3)	San Bernardino Valley Water Cons. District Div. 2 (1)
Mariana Ranchos County Water District ST (1)	San Bernardino Valley Water Cons. District Div. 4 (1)
Thunderbird County Water District (2)	San Bernardino Valley Water Cons. District Div. 5 (1)
Barstow Fire Protection District (3)	San Bernardino Valley Water Cons. District Div. 6 (1)
CITY OF REDLANDS	
OFFICE TITLE	
Councilmembers (3)	
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO	
OFFICE TITLE	
Mayor (1)	
Ward 1 Councilmember (1)	
Ward 2 Councilmember (1)	
Ward 4 Councilmember (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.

1. Military and overseas voters

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

2. 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 November 1st. Ballots are mailed beginning 29 days prior to the election.

3. Emergency absentee

- Voters may request a ballot in person (or through a designated representative) at the ROV office from November 1st 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.

4. 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.

5. Permanent absentee

- These are voters who applied for this status and are automatically mailed an absentee ballot approximately three weeks prior to the election. There are 141,562 permanent absentee voters in this election.

6. 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, October 29 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 408 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 2,000. 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 two-week period using 17 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. We have 11 high schools with 297 student poll workers participating in this election. 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 November 9. 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. Election Night Results (semi-official) 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

- 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.
- When the canvass (an internal audit required by State law to ensure accuracy of the election results) 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.
- **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.