



## County of Sacramento

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# **MEDIA ADVISORY SACRAMENTO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ELECTION UPDATE**

## **Ballots to be Manually Talled in Selected Precincts**

### **Public and media invited to observe**

Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine announced today that on Monday, November 3, the Elections Office will select the precincts to be included in the 1% manual tally of all ballots cast in Sacramento County for the November 4 General Election. This manual tally is conducted to ensure the accuracy of the vote before certifying election results. The 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 5, 2008.

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.

For date and time, or if interested in viewing the tally process, please contact Brad Buyse, at 875-6365.

### ***Important Dates and Information***

**Deadline for returning Vote by Mail ballots is Tuesday, November 4.** Vote by Mail ballots for the November 4 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 at 7000 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento.

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 7am – 8pm.** Polls for the November 4 General Election open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

**Official Canvass of the Vote begins Wednesday, November 5.** Official Canvass of the Vote for the November 4 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 5, 2008.

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