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MEDIA ADVISORY: SACRAMENTO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ELECTION UPDATE

Vote-by-Mail and Provisional Ballot Count Continues

With the General Election over, Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine will shift her focus from Election Day activity to important ballot processing efforts that take place after every election. The Elections Office is continuing to count Vote-by-Mail ballots received in the mail through Election Day, and those returned to the polls.

LaVine estimates there are more than 140,000 ballots remaining to be verified and counted. The counting will begin at 8:30am and continue to 5:00pm. This first update will be posted on the elections website on Friday, November 7 after 5:00pm.

While the procedure for processing returned Vote-by-Mail and provisional ballots is time consuming, it is done according to election law noted LaVine. All returned ballots are processed by verifying the signatures and certifying eligibility to prevent double-voting and to establish the voter's right to vote.

Official final results will not be available until the canvass of the election is completed. By law, counties have 28 days following an election to process all of the remaining ballots.

For the results of Friday's update, call (916) 875-6451 or visit our website at <http://www.elections.saccounty.net/default.htm>.

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