

Countywide Services Agency

Voter Registration and Elections
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MEDIA ADVISORY **SACRAMENTO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ELECTION UPDATE**

One Percent Manual Tally in Selected Precincts

Public and media invited to observe

Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine announced that on Monday, May 18, the Elections Office will select the precincts to be included in the 1% manual tally of all ballots cast in five of the County's 448 precincts for the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election. This manual tally is conducted to ensure the accuracy of the vote tabulation equipment before certifying election results. Five precincts, randomly selected, represent 1% of the County's polling places. In addition, one additional precinct will be tallied for any contest not included in the initial group. The manual tally will begin the day after the election on May 20.

LaVine notes this is not a new process and is required by California law to be done routinely following each election. "This is one of our checks and balances procedures to ensure accuracy of our vote tabulation equipment," says LaVine.

For date and time of the 1% manual tally precinct selection, or if interested in viewing the tally process, please contact Brad Buysse, at 875-6365.

Important Dates and Information

Deadline for returning Vote by Mail ballots is Tuesday, May 19. Vote by Mail ballots for the May 19 Statewide Special Election must be received by 8 p.m. on May 19 in order to be counted. You may also drop off your voted Vote by Mail ballot at any polling place on Election Day or at the Elections Office, 7000 65th Street, Sacramento. A postmark will not be accepted.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 19, 7a.m. – 8p.m. Polls for the May 19 Statewide Special Election open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Polling Place look up available at <https://shadow.saccounty.net/pollingplacelookupen>

Official Canvass of the Vote begins Wednesday, May 20. Official Canvass of the Vote for the May 19 Statewide Special Election begins on May 20 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 tabulating equipment before certifying election results. The Canvass must begin no later than May 20 and closes on June 16.

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