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

Vote-by-Mail and Provisional Ballot Counts

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

LaVine estimates there are over 65,000 ballots yet to be processed. The processing will begin each day at 8:30am and continue to 5:00pm. First update will be posted on the elections website on Thursday May 21 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 Thursdays update, visit our website at
<http://www.elections.saccounty.net/default.htm>.

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