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**SUBJECT: November 6, 2018 Election Day Post Election Update**

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The Elections Office continued the canvass process of the Gubernatorial General Election. The signature verification process began on Vote By Mail (VBM) envelopes received on election day. This process will continue until complete. Following the signature verification, and prior to opening, VBM envelopes will be sorted into the appropriate precinct of the 269 precincts in Merced County.

Mailed ballots, with timely postmarks, were received today. At this time, there are now approximately 18,000 VBM ballots that we have begun to process and that remain to be counted. Additionally, there are more than 4,000 Provisionally cast ballots and 600 Conditionally cast ballots to be processed. The Provisionally cast ballot envelopes will be reviewed after the VBM processing and roster reconciliation is completed.

Outreach to voters continues to voters who failed to sign their VBM envelope as well as to voters whose signature does not match their registration signature on record. This outreach is required.

In an effort to get final counts as soon as possible, Merced Elections is running an additional shift of staff through Friday of this week as well as Tuesday through Friday of next week. Additionally, staff will be working a full day Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Further scheduling needs, and the date of the next count update, are being evaluated as we move forward in our processes.

The unofficial Election Day result may be viewed at the [Merced Elections webpage](#) or from the [Merced County main webpage](#). The website totals currently reflect ballots voted at the polls and Vote By Mail (VBM) ballots received and processed as of last week.

The canvass will continue until complete. The office will be closed Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day.

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