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

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Today the Elections Office again continued the canvass process of the Gubernatorial General Election. Signature verification processes on Vote By Mail (VBM) envelopes received on Election Day, as well as VBM envelopes received timely since Election Day, were completed today on all VBM that can be processed prior to the completion of roster reconciliation. Approximately 1,700 VBM's are pending the reconciliation process. The sorting into specific precincts of all verified VBM envelopes was also completed today. The opening of all verified VBM envelopes, and the extraction of ballots, continued today. It is anticipated that this process will be completed on Tuesday, November 13th.

The reconciliation of polling place rosters continued today. This process reconciles the number of ballots provided to a polling precinct against the number spoiled and voted, and reconciles the number voted with the number of signatures on the roster and on provisional ballots. Upon completion of this process, which is anticipated to be next week, voters' signatures will be scanned into the election management system so that the voter receives credit for participating in the election.

After completion of the roster processes, the remaining VBM's will be reviewed.

Letters for outreach to voters whose signature on the VBM envelope does not match their registration signature on record were completed today and will be mailed on Tuesday. Voters receiving the challenged letter must complete and return the letter to the Elections office so that their signature can be again reviewed. A number of voters have already completed and returned their previously issued letters.

At this time, it is anticipated that the flattening of all extracted ballots will be substantially completed on Tuesday and that tabulation will begin sometime Tuesday as well. It will take approximately one and one-half days to tabulate the ballots.

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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