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SUBJECT: November 6, 2018 Election Day Post Election Update

The canvass of the Gubernatorial General Election remains in progress. Following the completion of the roster reconciliation process earlier this week, the application of voter participation history was completed. The processing of late-issue VBM's has been completed and the opening and extracting of them will begin soon. The 1% hand tally will be completed on Monday.

72% of the 4,300 provisional ballots cast have been reviewed. The review and examination of the provisionally voted ballots includes research to determine voter eligibility prior to counting. Review of the provisional ballots is anticipated to be completed next week. The sorting into precincts of the provisional ballots will begin next week. Duplication of ballots, for those voters who voted provisionally on an incorrect ballot type, has begun.

It is not anticipated that election results will be updated until the processing of provisional ballots is complete.

Merced Elections is continuing to receive signature verifications from voters whose VBM signature was challenged due to not matching the signature on their registration record. Voters have until two days prior to the certification of this election to validate their signatures. At this time, all voters whose signatures were challenged have been notified.

The unofficial election results may be viewed at the [Merced Elections webpage](#) or from the [Merced County main webpage](#).

The canvass will continue until complete. California law requires certification of this election to be on or before Thursday, December 6, 2018, which is 30-days following Election Day. The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd.

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